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Federal army out of political control as armoured columns move against border villages

Yugoslav tanks surge into battle against Croatia

By Dessa Trevisan in Belgrade and Our Foreign Staff

COLUMNS of hundreds of Yugoslav army tanks burst across the Serbian border into Croatia yesterday in a three-pronged attack on republican strongholds.

Almost all of eastern and southern Croatia was enveloped in the warfare and further clashes were reported along the Adriatic coast as the federal forces, out of political control, launched their biggest operation since heavy fighting began in the breakaway republic three months ago.

As the armoured columns of about 270 vehicles thrust into the border villages of Nijemci, Lipovac and Tovarnik, it was not clear whether they intended merely to relieve besieged federal army barracks in Vukovar and Vinkovci, or to launch an all-out attack. Another 300 tanks were massed on the border, and Western military observers feared that the concentration of armour meant the army was determined to finish the job of carving out new borders, whatever the cost.

A Croatian government official said: "It looks like they are intent on circling round to bite of Osijek and Vukovar." Both towns have recently come under heavy fire from Serbian militants and the federal army, but have not surrendered. Another official in Vinkovci, about 20 miles away, said it appeared the attack was aimed at lifting the blockade of the army base.

Large columns of federal reservists and volunteers were also on the move in the neighbouring republic of Bosnia-Herzegovina, with army convoys reported to be heading towards strategic areas. Tension was high in several towns and Muslims and Croatians were building barricades to block the path of the Serbian territorials.

The arrival of troops raised fears that Bosnia, with its volatile population mix, could be drawn into a conflict that would bring all-out war to Yugoslavia. Asked last night whether war was about to break out in the republic, the federal president, Stipe Mesic said: "It has already started."

The extent to which the federal army has escaped political control was demonstrated by the disclosure that the defence minister, General Veljko Kadijevic, and his deputy had refused the prime minister's demand that they resign. Mr Mesic meanwhile accused the generals of waging a dirty war against Croatia and called on soldiers to desert.

Mr Mesic, a Croat, blamed General Kadijevic and the army chief of staff, General Blagoje Adzic, for the fierce fighting in Croatia. "This mobilisation is an illegal act," he said. "The army cannot win this war; likewise, it cannot impose solutions of only one party, namely Serbia. I call upon all soldiers and officers to go over to the side of the people and to the side of the legally elected leadership."

Asked if he was calling on soldiers to desert, he replied: "It is the generals who have deserted. The soldiers have to obey the decision of the collective presidency, they know what their duty is and they have to do it."

Earlier, Ante Markovic, the federal prime minister who is also a Croat, called for General Kadijevic's resignation, accusing him of waging his own war in Croatia. The general's refusal to go was described by a diplomat as "the end of normal civil government", and a military analyst said: "The army is acting free of any federal civilian control. We have a breakdown of power at the federal level and the consequences are frightening."

General Kadijevic was said to have visited Moscow on March 13 to see the then Soviet defence minister, Dmitri Yazov, to secure a secret weapons deal. Mr Markovic said he was later told that the general had arranged to buy missile systems, jets and helicopters which were not part of official agreements. Mr Yazov was one of the emergency committee set up after last month's failed Soviet coup and is now under arrest accused of treason.

Mr Markovic accused the federal army of conducting a war to redraw the frontiers and of hatching a secret plan aimed at Bosnia. "Nothing can justify the terrible devastations and destructions of entire towns," he told a cabinet meeting.

In yesterday's army assault, Nijemci, Lipovac and Tovarnik came under fire from howitzers, tanks and cannons, Zagreb defence officials said. Five civilians and a national guardsman were reported killed in Nijemci. "There is chaos, with air attacks and artillery shelling across the area," the interior ministry said. In southern Vukovar, federal troops broke through Croatian defences and part of the city had fallen, Belgrade radio reported.

In Split, gunboats were pounding the airport and a British merchant ship was said to have been hit, although no further details were available.

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Riding high: Yugoslav federal troops display their confidence as they drive from Belgrade towards Croatia yesterday



What can we do? asks UN chief

From James Bone in New York

THE United Nations Security Council was under mounting pressure last night to try to avert a bloody showdown in Yugoslavia, with Austria and Canada pressing for urgent consultations.

Germany also threw its weight behind calls for security council action, and France, this month's council president, was expected to respond favourably. But Javier Pérez de Cuéllar, the United Nations secretary-general, pointed out the likely obstacles to such decisive UN action yesterday, noting that UN peacekeepers could only intervene in the internal affairs of a member state if the security council authorised the operation under the enforcement provisions of chapter VII of the UN charter, the section used against Iraq.

"Of course, it is an internal affair, but the situation as it is today is extremely dangerous," he said. "Apparently, the government of Canada and not only the government of Canada but other governments are afraid that this civil war could develop in a manner that could affect peace and international security.

"What can the security council do?" he added. "There are many possibilities. Mainly the possibility that everyone has in mind is that the United Nations provide a peacekeeping operation. If that decision is taken in the framework of chapter VII, everything is possible. If not, what it requires is the consent of Yugoslavia. That is consent that is rather difficult to obtain."

Meanwhile, British diplomats were working to focus the council's likely involvement on backing up European peace efforts, rather than thrusting the United Nations into the centre of the crisis. The security council was due to meet informally later in the day to discuss the procedure for the election of a new UN secretary general, and diplomats said the Yugoslav question would also be raised.

The five veto-bearing permanent members of the security council — Britain, China, France, the Soviet Union and the United States — met privately yesterday morning to discuss whether the council should take up the issue. "A formal Security Council meeting is unlikely today," one Western member said. "Consultations will go on over the weekend with a formal meeting likely early next week."

European, North American and Soviet ministers are also expected to meet in New York on Yugoslavia next week under the auspices of the Conference on Security and Co-operation in Europe.

Church and state try to ease friction over riots

By Richard Ford and Ruth Gledhill

THE prime minister yesterday sought to prevent a full-scale controversy erupting between church and state over who was to blame for inner city riots.

As the Archbishop of Canterbury defended his claim that the recent disturbances on Tyneside were rooted in social deprivation, John Major insisted that many of the incidents had been pre-planned and that not all the rioters were from deprived backgrounds. Senior cabinet ministers joined in with rebuttals of the archbishop's views while opinion within the church rallied behind George Carey.

In the current phase of speculation about a possible general election, both sides appeared anxious to prevent a revival of tensions between church and state and a rift between Downing Street and Lambeth Palace.

The government's tactics in countering Dr Carey's claim that the riots were linked to poverty and poor housing and his criticism of its education policy switched during the day with Downing Street taking a relaxed view of his comments. Initially ministers robustly attacked Dr Carey with Kenneth Clarke, the education secretary, describing him as "old fashioned and opposed to change" and Kenneth Baker, the home secretary, demanding that the church give young people a lead.

But later the prime minister and Chris Patten, the Tory party chairman, gave a much equable response. John Major said during a visit to Cardiff that not all the rioters had come from deprived backgrounds. "Many of those incidents were carefully preplanned and the police are fairly clear that that is the case, and that behaviour is absolutely intolerable."

But the prime minister praised Dr Carey. "I know the archbishop very well. I'm a great admirer of the archbishop. "I think it is a very bad idea for politicians to tell the church what to do."

Defending his remarks, Dr Carey said on radio that the Church of England's relationship with the government was good and his remarks should not be taken out of context. "What it is important to underline is that I said our relationship with the government is very good ... confrontation was not on my mind. I have great respect for the people who lead our nation. I have respect for the people in Opposition," the archbishop said.

Dr Carey said he did not condone violent criminal behaviour and added that he agreed with Conservative charges that the church itself had a role to play in tackling the spiritual malaise in society. "My reference to Newcastle must be set in the actual context of the address itself, in which I was making the point that we cannot simply label things spiritual and sinful."

The Bishop of Newcastle, the Rt Rev Alex Graham, agreed that the arson and vandalism stemmed from a sense of alienation, arising from long-term unemployment and deprivation on the estates. "Without doubt social deprivation, aimlessness and boredom were an important part of the reason for last week's events."

However, the Rev George Curry, vicar of St Stephen's in Newcastle's west end, disagreed with the archbishop. There was a lawless element at large and the problem was not one of social deprivation, he said.

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Hawker rejects BTR bid

By George Sivell

BTR, the industrial group, has launched a hostile £1.5 billion bid for Hawker Siddeley, the electrical engineering group, ending a week that has seen three of the biggest players in the Eighties' takeover spree return to the fray.

BTR, which made its mark by sending in fresh managers to failing companies such as Dunlop, said that Hawker, which has rejected the bid, was a great piece of industry that needed building up.

Earlier in the week, Hanson made an agreed £351 million bid for Beazer, the building group, but Williams's £753 million bid for Racal Electronics was rejected. The bids come in a week that has seen an improvement in economic optimism.

Improving confidence, higher stock market prices and lower interest rates have created a climate for takeover bids just at a time when many companies are reporting poor profits because of recession.

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In despair: with her dog in her arms, Sunnie Mann talks to reporters in Beirut yesterday

Hostage wife loses her hope

From Ali Jaber in Beirut

A DISTRAUGHT and disappointed Sunnie Mann said that she had "lost all optimism" as hopes of freedom for her husband faded again yesterday.

"The disappointment this time is something I had hoped I would never have to go through," she said, her voice choking with emotion and eyes brimming with tears. "I am just back to where I was 2½ years ago."

"I don't think there will be a

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Bowled over by Major's medium-fast delivery

By Joe Joseph



AS BRITAIN speculates over a November election, whether the recession is at an end, and how to emigrate to the idyllic country portrayed in the new Tory party political broadcast, John Major has spoken to *The Times*, his first interview with a national newspaper in more than two months.

He talks about long-term plans he wishes to see through, suggesting confidence at retaining power after the general election. His strategy? The prime minister admits that he has always bowled "medium-fast but straight", capitalising on those moments when opponents drop their guard.

Mr Major also hints that it will be a busy winter. Getting away "might be difficult". Is that because he will be campaigning for a November election or because he will be tied to his desk laying the groundwork for a spring poll? But those are all the scrapings John Major is offering to psephologists.

His animated conversation with Alan Lee, the *Times* cricket correspondent, during a county game, was all about cricket. Yes. Mr Major *did* make it clear that he does not admit to heroes, "because that gets things out of perspective", but Mrs Thatcher was not in his mind. Peter May was.

The long-term plan he wants to see through is the revival of cricket in state schools. "I am concerned, very concerned ... it is a situation I wish to see corrected ... cricket may be time-consuming but it is also character-building." When he spoke of how he felled his opponents he was talking about his days on the cricket field, when he "bowled medium-fast, if they missed, I hit". What is it that he would most like to see this winter? The World Cup in Australasia.

Mr Major, Downing Street's most ardent cricket fan since Clement Attlee, has managed to make a vote-winning virtue of his love of the game. By attending five of this summer's six Test matches he has earned a reputation not as a slacker but as a man who knows that relaxing is as important as working.

The interview overran. Mr Major's press secretary intervened twice to point this out to the prime minister, who was due in Paris. But Mr Major was enjoying himself. "I can escape completely from politics when I am at cricket," he confessed. He was in the middle of arguing the case for uncovered pitches and was not ready to leave the Lord's balcony for the airport just yet.

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TWO RONNIES



Ronnie Scott hasn't been as excited as this since 1947. In fact, he hasn't been excited since 1947, says the man who persuaded him to open a second club. *Weekend Times* holds a tuning fork to British jazz

OPERA POPS



Kiri Te Kanawa knows the whole score, but the great British public is only interested in the juicy bits. *Weekend Times* looks at the aria industry

SLOPING OFF



Petra Kronberger, the world downhill champion, is preparing for the Winter Olympics in France next February. Prepare for them yourself with the *Saturday Review's* resorts guide

CHARLIE'S CIGAR



Charlie Chaplin, in the mid-1930s, slipped a cigar into his breast pocket. In 1991, in a London museum, it was pulled out. Find out why in the *Saturday Review*

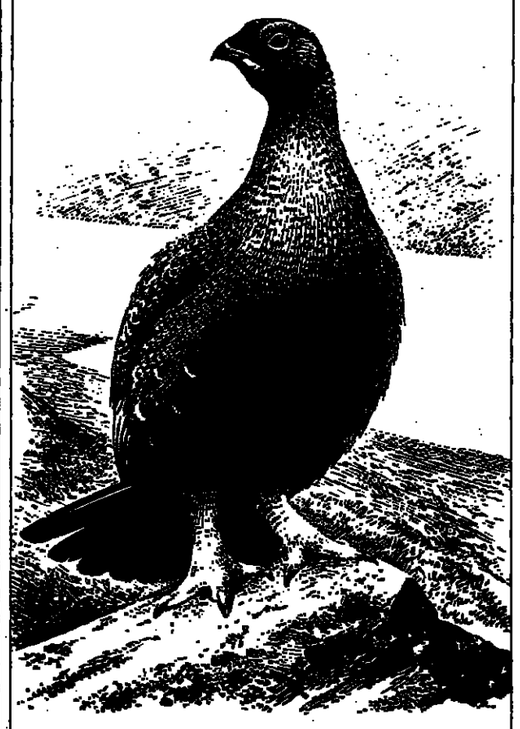
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Thatcher defeat returns to haunt the Tory conference agenda



Thatcher: tributes pour in from the faithful

RANK-and-file worries over the government's proposed defence cuts and over the pace of European integration are disclosed in the agenda for the Conservative party conference, published yesterday. There are too a number of motions criticising the government's failures in persuading the electorate of the value of its health service reforms.

A clutch of motions pay tribute to the record of Margaret Thatcher and call for changes in the system of electing the party's leaders. Chris Patten, the Conservative party chairman, said yesterday that Mrs Thatcher's appearance at the conference would be warmly welcomed but made it clear that he did not expect her to speak.

Among the motions not chosen for debate is one from Hackney South and Shoreditch which calls for the conference to record its "unqualified admiration" for Mrs Thatcher's achievements as "thrice victorious leader of the Conservative and Unionist party, as the century's longest-serving prime minister and as an international statesman without whose courage and vision half Europe would still be shackled by the bonds of socialism".

A motion from Liverpool Broadgreen calls for leadership election rules which forbid challenges to a sitting prime minister and for constituency executive committees to have a vote as well as MPs.

North-West area Young Conservatives want MPs' leadership votes made public and Boothferry urges the party to find a new method "as it is felt that the present method whereby a sitting prime minister who polled a majority vote in a contest but still lost the contest is unfair and undemocratic".

While key defence and health worries are disclosed in the Conservative conference agenda, one issue lingers, reports Robin Oakley

The motions were submitted in June before the 1922 committee announced changes to the rules which will make future challenges more difficult to trigger by requiring the support of ten per cent of the party's MPs. That would mean collecting the signatures of 37 MPs at present.

While the bulk of the European motions support John Major's stance in European negotiations, many warn explicitly against any further moves towards a federal Europe. Typically, one from the North-West young Conservatives urges the conference to oppose "any extension in the powers of European Community institutions and calls upon all Conservative members of parliament to oppose the concept of a federal united states of Europe".

London South Inner Euro Constituency Council "congratulates the prime minister's firm stand in negotiations with our European partners and urges Her Majesty's Government to recommend the Rt Hon Margaret Thatcher become the next president of the European Commission".

On defence, the criticism is more direct. Sunderland urges the government "to reconsider its decision to cut the strength of the armed services", urging that the proposed reductions put at risk "the prime consideration of any government , defending the realm". Burton says the government "should not demoralise the services and put our defence in jeopardy by overlarge cuts and by merging of proud and valiant regiments".

Suffolk Coastal, the constituency of agriculture minister John Gummer,joins many other constituencies in congratulating the forces on the freeing of Kuwait "but deplores the proposed savage defence cuts as being too draconian and therefore wishes the ministry of defence supported by the Treasury to rethink their plans for the future defence of the UK".

The list of motions, with its usual quota of demands for the return of both corporal and capital punishment , suggests that Kenneth Baker, the Home Secretary, is likely to be confronted in the law and order debate by demands for tougher prison regimes and harsher penalties. Overall the list of conference motions is the longest in twenty years. But the anodyne nature of those selected for debate remains unchanged under the new party leadership.

Chris Patten, the party chairman, confirmed yesterday that President Landsbergis of Lithuania will be a guest at the Tory conference.

Questioned about criticisms of the limited Tory accounts, Mr Patten said that he had begun publishing them in a more accessible form. "Unlike the Labour party, there is not a relationship between financial contributions and the control of policy or control over the selection of candidates".

Carey controversy

Criticism unlikely to deflect church from 'moral lead'

THE Archbishop of Canterbury, George Carey, was under no illusions when he was enthroned in St Augustine's Chair last April that he would come into confrontation with the government. In his sermon, he warned: "No church can, or should, avoid political comment when freedom, dignity and worth are threatened."

Some political observers believe it more than coincidence that his first such comment has come as the Conservative party launches its conference agenda, when the Tories and Labour are running neck and neck in the opinion polls, and election speculation is mounting. Advisers close to the archbishop say that to accuse Lambeth Palace of such a conspiracy is crediting it with too pointed a political agenda.

The archbishop expected political confrontation, but not over his riot remarks, Ruth Gledhill writes

Dr Carey was invited to address the assembly of the Church of England secondary school heads last autumn and has had more than a year in which to compose his speech, his first big pronouncement concerned with more than internal church affairs. He wrote most of it himself.

His intention was not to attack the government on social policy, but to raise the profile of Church of England schools and to confront the education department, which he accused of taking important decisions without consulting the church. Dr Carey was surprised to discover he had provoked a political storm, not by his comments on education, but by what he considered an aside: his allegation that the Tyneside riots were due partly to social deprivation.

Dr Carey is still acclimatising to his sudden elevation to Canterbury, and to how statements less controversial than many he made while principal of Trinity Theological College in Bristol, or when bishop of Bath and Wells, have suddenly attained wide significance. Ever since he told a magazine that the view that only a male could represent Christ at the altar was "a most serious heresy", his advisers have been attempting to temper his spontaneity.

The result this week was a speech which bears remarkable similarities to some given by his predecessor, Robert Runcie, with inevitable, colourful "Careyisms". His advisers insisted yesterday that it was not new for a church leader to say that human wrongdoing was linked to social deprivation, poverty and poor housing.

Dr Carey has inherited most of his advisers from Lord Runcie. It became clear yesterday that they believe there to be fundamental disagreements between the church and government over some aspects of social and education policy, and that the archbishop will not fight shy of speaking out.

Dr Carey, like Lord Runcie, meets monthly with a team of five theological advisers, headed by Wesley Carr, dean of Bristol. However, unlike Lord Runcie, who would commission the first draft of a speech and polish it to his own liking, Dr Carey prefers to do as much of the work on the first draft as he can, taking advice on the final draft. His advisers believe that he has an over-optimistic view of how the media and government will react when he speaks what he believes to be Bible-based truths.

He has taken to heart the frequent calls for the church to set a moral lead and is determined to do so, even when risking criticism from the highest levels of government, as part of his commitment to mission and evangelism. He is deliberately political, but insists he is not party political.



Dr Carey: deliberately political, but not partisan

Schools policy challenged

John O'Leary look at the educational issues raised by the archbishop in his speech

WHILE his comments on this summer's riots have captured the headlines, it is the Archbishop of Canterbury's views on education that represent the greater challenge both to government policy and the views of many within the church.

In the course of his address to Anglican secondary school heads, Dr Carey raised doubts both about opting out, the centrepiece of the government's schools policy, and the emphasis on vocational education which has characterised speeches by the prime minister and Kenneth Clarke, the education secretary. He also threw in criticism of exclusively Christian education, reviving an equally delicate debate on religious schools.

Controversy over single-faith schools has centred on the aspirations of the Muslim community in recent years, as successive applications for voluntary aided schools have failed to win ministerial approval. Recently, however, the issue has resurfaced within the Church of England, which runs a fifth of all primary schools and is in the midst of a debate about its responsibilities to the wider community. A dispute over the responsibility of King's school, Peterborough, to give priority to committed Anglicans led the Bishop of Peterborough to withhold a £128,000 grant towards a new technology block.

More politically contentious was Dr Carey's restating of the criticism made by the Catholic Church and the local authorities, as well as the government's political opponents, that schools are being driven to grant-maintained status to win money for capital projects. However, Mr Clarke was stung more by Dr Carey's stand on vocational education. The archbishop had expressed the view that the current emphasis might prove to be shortsighted. "Education does not consist in the acquisition of skills. It is a preparation for life," he had said.

Mr Clarke said last night: "If he is opposed to more vocational qualifications he must be the only person I know who is."

'Wrongdoing is linked to poverty'

This is a partial text of the speech Dr Carey gave on Thursday to the Anglican Secondary School Heads, meeting in Chester.

THE Church of England, not the state, took the initiative in building schools and providing an education for the generality of young people.

That involvement did not begin because the church simply wanted to create and nurture good Anglicans. The primary aim was to improve the possibility that ordinary young people might aspire to a life which was more satisfying – morally, spiritually and physically. We worry today, and rightly, about the alienation of some of our young people, such as those who were involved in the riots in Newcastle last week. But 200 years ago similar problems were endemic.

The children were generally employed in the factories, the mines, and the mills six days a week, but, as the Bishop of Chester wrote in 1785, "on Sundays they are too apt to be idle, mischievous and vicious". The bishop was right to recognise the presence of our sinfulness, but he no doubt ignored the fact that human wrongdoing is inextricably linked to social deprivation, poverty, poor housing and illiteracy.

We cannot ask of education a means of solving problems which wider society chooses to ignore. What schools can do is make a most significant contribution in preparing pupils for their future citizenship.

We are told that this is a "climate of unbelief" and that materialism rules. And it is that kind of talk which is driving Christians to set up protected schools in which the Christian faith can be taught in an atmosphere of tolerance and love. It is the same driving instinct which is behind other faith communities wanting to start their own schools in which the religious values they believe in may be protected from the harsh and cold winds of an indifferent and secular world.

The kind of education I am interested in is not only the rediscovery and repossession of a Christian world view but the breadth of vision in which the individual's growth is physical, intellectual, moral and spiritual. And we are not talking about brainwashing or indoctrination, but an open system in which doubt, questioning, argument and enquiry are allowable and essential ingredients. That is why, in my opinion, the desire on the part of some Christians to send their children to tightly protected Christian schools, in which no alternatives to the Christian faith are known, is socially divisive, educationally damaging and spiritually unsatisfying, because the time will come when unpalatable realities will have to be faced.

I want to share my concern that we need to do more to affirm the worth of our teachers and encourage their morale. I have seen enough schools over the last ten years to recognise what a battleground the classroom has become: an ideological battleground in which education theories have exhausted and depressed teachers; a moral battleground as parental irresponsibility in securing a moral framework for their children has meant that teachers have had to bear the burden of that demand too.

The Church of England rightly looks for co-operation on its side from the department of education and science and from local education authorities. By and large, I believe that the relationship is constructive but it is worrisome, at the very least, that some major educational proposals and decisions are made without any consultation at all by the DES with the church.

For example, the decision by government ministers to encourage a large-scale move to grant maintained status was made without any prior consultation with the Church of England, even though it may substantially affect the church's own educational planning. As a church we are not opposed to seeking grant maintained status where this seems appropriate, but it is disturbing when, as in some cases, it seems that a school is pushed in the direction of opting out simply because this is the only means of getting cash from the DES for new buildings.

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Maths rap: Carol Vorderman, the Channel 4 *Countdown* presenter, showing pupils of St Joseph's Roman Catholic school at Maida Vale, west London, the method she invented for teaching times tables to rap music

Major dismisses election date talk as 'silly games'

By Robin Oakley, Political Editor

SEEKING to lower the electioneering temperature, the prime minister yesterday dismissed talk of election dates as "silly games" and Conservative party chairman Chris Patten claimed that as the economic situation improved "this year and next" so would the party's fortunes.

Senior ministers now believe that an election next spring is far more likely that one in November. But they are agreed that John Major will keep open for some time yet the November option in case opinion polls take off to a point which makes the temptation irresistible.

It is the period of "swan politics". Both major parties are attempting to glide serenely on the political surface while paddling furiously underneath. So, while pretending it was business as usual, the Tories launched a new poster campaign attacking Labour's connections with the trades unions. Labour, equally coincidentally, set about the government for wasting the revenues from North Sea oil. The parties scrapped, too, over the covert way the Tory party keeps its accounts.

At a press conference to launch the agenda for this year's Tory conference Mr Patten said: "Election speculation froth is best left to others. This government has plenty of work to do and is getting on and doing it." But he insisted that no one in the world was voting with enthusiasm for socialist policies. Citing the case of Sweden, he said that socialism was "washed up, clapped out".

Mr Major, on a tour of South Wales, dismissed general election speculation as "silly games". But John Smith, Labour's shadow chancellor, called for an early election to " end the uncertainty".

Launching a nationwide poster campaign to counter Labour's rows of Tory skeletons accompanied by the question "How many more are there in the Tory cupboard?", the Tories unveiled a poster asking "Who runs Labour?", answering the query with colour photographs of six prominent union leaders making up the letters of the party's name.

Mr Patten said: "We know there is public concern about the armlock which the trade unions have on the Labour party. I think people remember that the trade unions used to run the country. Now they just run the Labour party and voters plainly want to keep things that way." The employment secretary Michael Howard said: "The whole relationship between the unions and the Labour party is corrupt."

The Tory accusations were swiftly denied by John Smith, shadow Chancellor, who said the claims would rebound on the Conservatives as questions were asked about their funding. If the government was so confident the public was swinging behind the Tories, he said, it should put it to the test.

"The sooner the better," Mr Smith said. "Continuing uncertainty about the date of the election does not make government any easier or economic management any easier."

Later, the Chancellor, Norman Lamont, fiercely attacked Labour's policies towards business. He published a document which identified 28 items under the title of "Labour's burdens on business". This claimed that Labour would tie up managers in red tape, restrict employers' choice in hiring their workforce, limit firms' freedom of action on investment, tamper with pension funds, impose a minimum wage and give power back to the trades unions.

Riot linked to fall in respect

By Craig Seton

LACK of respect for authority among young people was yesterday blamed by a police chief for the recent riots in parts of Britain. Charles Pollard, chief constable of the Thames Valley force, also accused criminal gangs for the disturbances in which eight of his officers were hurt in Oxford earlier this month.

Mr Pollard, presenting a report on the Oxford violence to his police authority, said that gangs on the Blackbird Leys estate in the city planned a concerted attack on police as a direct response to the success of police operations to crack down on crime.

In comments afterwards, he said: "Essentially, without looking at the social reasons, one can say it comes down to the fact that the young today do not have the respect for authority that they used to have." He added that modern young criminals were more sophisticated and knew how to exploit every loophole in the justice system. He accepted that environmental factors, including the design of the Oxford estate and hot weather, had played a part in the violence.

Mr Pollard said many of the youths involved in crime on the Oxford estate were either in full-time education or at work. Some were unemployed, but there did not appear to be a common denominator other than that they lived in Blackbird Leys or had relatives living there.

Cases of criminal damage started to increase on the estate in 1988, he said. Minor damage and general rowdiness were the main problem, involving 15 to 20 youths. It was clear it was being done for pleasure and not gain. It developed into youths stealing high-performance cars and giving pre-arranged driving "displays" in the late evening to try to lure the police into pursuit.

The chief constable said that in the summer his force initiated a strategy that included seeking more support from the community and other agencies and additional policing.

"These had an immediate impact in that in the two months of June and July autocrime in the Oxford area was reduced and a significant number of offenders were not only arrested, but also remanded in custody."

He said police received information that those involved in crime were planning a concerted attack on the police as a direct result.

Drug error admitted by doctor

A doctor who prescribed a fatal drug overdose for a leukaemia victim admitted yesterday that she had made an error. Dr Susan Kearney, in a written statement to the inquest into the death of Lee Rainford, aged 23, said she had misinterpreted the dosage.

In the statement, read by Christopher Johnson, the Wirral coroner, she said she was aware that she made an error in the number of doses of the drug Vindisene given. The coroner has already said that it was the "fatal error" in giving Mr Rainford eight doses not two which killed him at Arrowe Park hospital, Birkenhead. The case continues.

Food threats

A man yesterday admitted demanding £1 million with menaces from Sainsbury's, the supermarket group, by threatening to contaminate foodstuffs. Mark Finbow, aged 25, changed his plea on the fifth day of his trial at the Central Criminal Court. Finbow, of no fixed address, will be sentenced next week at the conclusion of the trial of his mother Patricia, aged 51, a travel agent, of Euston, central London, who denies involvement in the blackmail demand.

The court was told that three letters were sent to Sainsbury's branch in Camden, north London, making threats to poison stock. The case continues on Monday.

Liverpool £32m

A £32 million initiative to tackle Liverpool's worst housing conditions was launched yesterday by Sir George Young, the housing minister. It will include the demolition or refurbishment of some houses, with new homes built for sale and rent. The scheme involves tenants' groups, Liverpool city council, the Housing Corporation, housing associations, Merseyside Task Force and housebuilders.

Unionist plea

Unionist leaders yesterday demanded tougher security measures to combat a wave of sectarian killings in Northern Ireland. They made their plea during a meeting with Peter Brooke, the Northern Ireland secretary, which explored the prospect of relaunching talks on the province's future.

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Boy who shot teacher in class detained for five years

By ARTHUR LEATHLEY

A PUBLIC school pupil who shot and wounded a teacher in front of a class was ordered yesterday to be detained for five and half years. Andre Crumpton, aged 15, admitted a charge of attempted murder after he shot Roderic Findlay, a history teacher, in front of his fourth-form pupils, causing him to lose eight pints of blood.

Mark Horton, for the prosecution, told Bristol crown court that Crumpton also planned a massacre of teachers and pupils at Colston's school, Stapleton, Bristol, and made a hit-list of eight intended victims, each with the word "kill" alongside.

On the night before the shooting, he stole a single and double barrelled shotgun from his father's locked cabinet together with a belt of ammunition of 23 cartridges. He also took a hacksaw for shortening the barrel and a mixture of paracetamol tablets for a suicide attempt. Mr Horton said Crumpton, of Failand, near Bristol, took the bus to school on March 5 with the weapons concealed in two holdalls. He went to a basement area to begin his preparations but teachers began to close off the area after his father had alerted the school that his guns were missing.

Crumpton went outside carrying one shotgun in his hands and with the other tied with string to his waist forcing David Pincott, deputy headmaster, to dive for cover by firing a shot over his head. He told friends in a classroom: "I am going to do it."

He went next door to confront Mr Findlay, who was teaching. The boy was "half tearful and half angry", Mr Horton said. Mr Findlay spoke softly to him, the gun pointed at his head. But the boy was distracted by another boy outside and the gun slightly raised as he fired, hitting Mr Findlay on the arm. Crumpton ran outside to hide in a wood near by as unarmed police officers arrived, before giving himself up.

Boys aged 13 and 14 probably saved the housemaster's life by tearing their shirts into bandage strips to apply a tourniquet to his severely injured arm, Mr Horton said. Mr Findlay later had a nine-hour operation and still had difficulty driving and eating, but it was hoped he would make a full recovery in 18 months.

Charles Barton, QC, for the defence, said there had been a "combination of circumstances which sadly led this confused 15-year-old boy to behave on this lethal manner". Crumpton had been brought up largely by a nanny as his parents were both busy in business activities, he said.

Before the shooting, Crumpton had been suspended from the school for five days over an allegation of dishonesty for which he apparently blamed Mr Findlay, his housemaster.

Police found a suicide note in Crumpton's pocket and a paperback book titled *Kill Point* was recovered from his holdall. In an emotional letter before the shooting, he wrote of his intended suicide and said he felt he had no feelings and that he could blow up a coach with 200 people on board. He added: "Instead I will break into the gun cabinet at home and shoot the bastards just like a film, killing, do it properly."

Mr Justice Swinton Thomas told Crumpton, now aged 16, that he was guilty of appalling crimes. Crumpton was ordered to be detained for five and a half years under the provisions of the Children and Young Persons Act but the judge noted his guilty pleas and the fact that he had already served six months. He said a happy feature was that Mr Findlay had said he forgave Crumpton.

After the case Mr Findlay blamed video violence for the actions of the "likable lad".



CRISPIN RODWELL

Soil sports: onlookers examine the ploughing form displayed by this team of donkeys competing yesterday in this year's world championships being held in Co Londonderry

Farmers dig in for the battle over ploughing honours

By EDWARD GORMAN

COMPETITOR from all over the world dug in at a field outside Limavady, Co Londonderry, yesterday as the battle to become this year's world ploughing champion got under way.

Farmers from 30 countries converged on the town for the event, in its 38th year.

If you are not experienced in the art of ploughing, it is almost impossible to judge whether, for example, one competitor is making a better fist of the stubble than the next. Scott Moore, a farmer from nearby Eglinton and the official engineer in case of tractor breakdowns, was too diplomatic to make comparisons. But he said that ploughmen from "backward" countries were not yet not up to the standard of the Austrians, British or Irish.

Farmers from eastern Europe were well represented and took their ploughing seriously. So much so that some Estonian, Latvians and Lithuanians even shipped their own tractors and ploughs from Finland for the championships. Not surprisingly, the Russians failed to turn up, but the Yugoslavs were out in force.

The contest is held over two days and involves two sessions of ploughing, first on stubble, then on grass. Ploughmen are judged on at least 20 aspects of the job, including the split opening, the crown, the general appearance, closeness and packing, weed control, ins and outs and the finish.

Graeme Witty, the defending world champion and a farmer from Malton, Yorkshire, found the conditions tough. "I've struggled," Mr Witty said. "The conditions are difficult and will get harder still because the grass is more difficult to turn than stubble."

Mr Witty's record, which guaranteed him a crowd of wellwishers yesterday, makes him one of the world's greatest ploughmen. He has been world champion twice and runner-up once. By this evening he will know whether he has managed to retain the title, making him only the second man in history to do so three times.

"I probably should have given up when I was on top," he said, then, relenting, said: "No, I shall probably keep it up."

Children weep at funeral of crash girl

GRIEVING schoolchildren comforted each other yesterday at the funeral of Paula Barnes, aged 15, a classmate who died when she and four friends were hit by a car as they sat on a roadside bench.

The funeral, at St Mary's Church in Rodbourne Swindon, was half a mile from the scene of the crash on Friday last week.

Community police officers, who have helped counsel the families and friends of the children who died, comforted weeping mourners, holding them in their arms shortly before the start of the 40-minute funeral.

About 350 people joined family, neighbours and dozens of school friends to pay tribute to Paula , a pupil at Herod Parkway school. The Rev Meg Guillebaud, the parish deacon, told mourners: "I know there is a lot of anger around now — and rightly so. This death should not have happened.

"But do make sure that your anger is safely expressed ... don't be surprised if we all react to grief in different ways. Some will fill time with busyness, others want to keep talking, some find it easy to weep, others want to get away on their own."

The mourners were led by Paula's parents, Andrew and Jenny Barnes, and her brothers, teenager Nicholas and Andrew, 12.

Floral tributes and wreaths included a chrysanthemum teddy bear from children at Churchfields school, which Paula once attended, a white gateway wreath, and a message of mixed flowers from friends, bearing the words "sleep well angel".

The funerals of the other victims of the crash, two boys and two girls aged between seven and 19, will be held next week.

England soccer player jailed

TERRY Fenwick, the Tottenham and England footballer, was jailed for four months yesterday for failing to give a breath test and for driving while disqualified.

Fenwick, aged 31, already serving a three-year ban for drink driving, was banned for four years and fined £300 for driving without insurance. He was arrested outside a public house in Bethnal Green, east London, where he was celebrating Tottenham's victory in the European Cup Winners' cup.

Jonathan Crystal, for the defence, told Thames magistrates' court, London, that the shame and worry of the offence had affected the player so much that he was showing signs of illness. He said a jail sentence would have a destructive effect on Fenwick's football career.

Terry Venables, Tottenham's managing director, said that the past 18 months had been so horrific for Fenwick that other club players had nicknamed him "Lucky".

Fenwick, who has 20 England caps and played in the 1986 World Cup finals, pleaded guilty to driving while disqualified, failing to provide a breath test and driving without insurance.

He is the second first division player to be jailed recently for driving offences. Tony Adams the Arsenal captain, was jailed for four months in December last year for drink driving and for reckless driving.

Fenwick now faces the prospect of four months without playing football. The Football Association confirmed yesterday that he would be barred from appearing for any prison team while serving his sentence. "Terry Fenwick is registered with Tottenham Hotspur so he couldn't play for another team," a spokesman said.

Fenwick will also miss the return Cup Winners' Cup match against Hajduk Split on October 2. In all he could miss at least 16 matches.

Mr Venables said later: "He is very, very disappointed but I am sure he'll take the punishment on the chin like the man he is. His great strength of character will help him through." He added that there was no question of Fenwick's career at Tottenham being finished. He pays his dues and then he goes back to work. He's a sensible lad and he expected a serious decision to be made."

Peter Atkinson, Fenwick's solicitor, said after seeing him in the cells: "He's obviously very upset, very disappointed. He has accepted the sentence and that's it. He appreciated it was a very serious offence and he accepts it."



Fenwick: barred from playing for prison side

Oxfam's political role attacked again

By BILL FROST

OXFAM has been accused of continuing to involve itself in left-wing politics despite a formal censure by the Charity Commissioners last May.

The allegation, made by the International Freedom Foundation (IFF), a free market think-tank, came as the charity's staff, trustees and supporters gathered in Oxford last night for their annual general meeting.

Andrew Hubback, head of research with the IFF, said that Oxfam had returned to political campaigning just three weeks after being told that such activities breached the laws on charitable status.

"They know they can get away with it because they have sympathisers at the Charity Commission," he said.

The IFF produced copies of fund-raising leaflets which showed that Oxfam (Belgium) and Oxfam (Shops Worldwide), both affiliated with the charity, had endorsed a campaign to raise more than £16,000 for the African National Congress.

Marc Gordon, executive director of the IFF, said: "It is clear that Oxfam internationally continues to disregard its own trusts and charity law. It can only be hoped that the charity commissioners take the punitive action necessary, including the legal separation of Oxfam's campaigning wing from the charity, with the accompanying withdrawal of its tax and and other financial benefits."

Oxfam said yesterday that the issue of political campaigning would feature on its annual general meeting agenda. "We are still in discussion with the charity commissioners about what is acceptable and what is not. But it would be wrong to say anymore while the talks continue."

Last May, charity commissioners upheld complaints that Oxfam had exceeded its objects and breached the law restricting charities from political activity. The commission said Oxfam's trustees had to accept that some of their campaign work was political and had to cease. No disciplinary action was taken.

An investigation found evidence that the overseas aid charity, which has an annual budget of £62million, gave money to partisan political groups and non-charitable causes.

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Man knocked over PC while driving wrong way down M3

A DEFENCE ministry civil servant who drove the wrong way along the fast lane of a motorway and ran over a policeman who tried to stop him was banned from driving for five years and fined £5,000 by Guildford crown court yesterday.

The court was told that motorists had to swerve to avoid Derek Parsley's car as he drove at up to 80mph, flashing his lights on and off, on the M3 at Lightwater, Surrey. When he was finally stopped and questioned by PC Alex Kinnear, Parsley asked: "What have I done?" The officer replied: "You've driven a car in the wrong direction along a motorway and run me over, for starters."

When asked to take a breath test Parsley refused and stuck his tongue out at officers. Parsley, aged 60, of Oxhey, Hertfordshire, admitted reckless driving, failing to stop and failing to provide a specimen of breath.

Graham Blower, for the prosecution, told the court: "It was a reckless piece of driving that, to some extent, beggars description. People on the motorway driving down from London saw this defendent in his car driving south, at speed, in the north carriageway."

One motorist raised the alarm on his mobile phome and told police he could see the driver "hunched over the wheel as he peered through the windscreen".

Mr Blower said police officers tried to block his path with their Range Rover. Parsley slowed down to 20mph and Mr Kinnear jumped out to stop him. Mr Blower said: "He got the impression the vehicle was about to stop. The car slowed down to almost a walking pace. The vehicle accelerated while the officer was standing there with his arms raised. The car was driven straight at him. He rolled over the front of the vehicle and came to rest on the road."

Mr Kinnear staggered to his feet and tried to chase after the car before collapsing. He was forced to take three weeks off work because of his injuries.

When Parsley was finally stopped he claimed the only thing he remembered was switching on his car radio.

He told police that he had a suspicion he was in the wrong lane, but he said it was dark and he was disorientated and was due to collect his new glasses the next day.

Tony Brigdon, for the defence, told the court that Parsley had been drinking earlier in the day at an army sports event at Aldershot, but was not drunk. "This driving obviously calls for an explanation. He must have struck an object, possibly a support to a bridge where there's a road going over the top of the motorway. He injured himself and somehow the car was spun around and he was disorientated and began to drive the wrong way.

"It's a bizarre incident that really cannot be explained by logic. He didn't deliberately do it because you would have to be insane to deliberately drive on the wrong side of the motorway."

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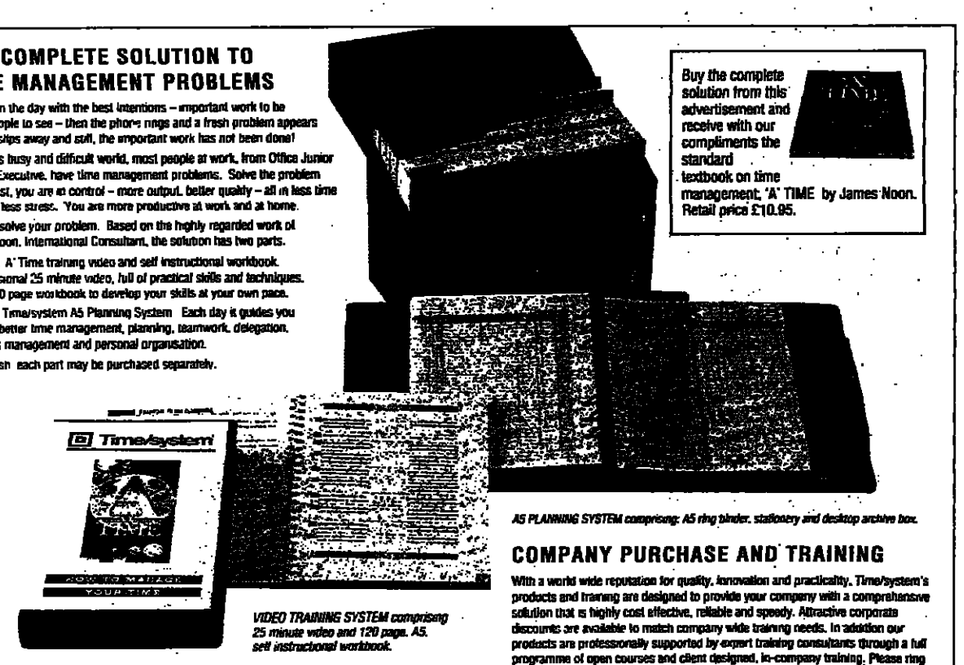
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Grade pledges to keep Channel 4 up-market

By MELINDA WITTSTOCK, MEDIA CORRESPONDENT

MICHAEL Grade pledged yesterday to prevent Channel 4 from moving down market in a more competitive broadcasting environment, telling broadcasters that it would be suicide for the channel to clone programmes from rival commercial channels.

Mr Grade, who has received a £500,000 "golden handcuff" payment, also defended himself against attacks by the "chattering classes from Muswell Hill to Magdalen College" who predict doom and disaster. Without his work to prevent privatisation of the channel by the Thatcher government, Channel 4 would not now exist in any recognisable form, he said.

Channel 4 would inevitably change as a result of being forced to sell its own advertising air time. But such commercial survival would not mean a ratings war with independent television or anyone else. "Nobody, including the Channel 4 sales director, believes that there will be any circumstances in which our future will be served by taking the channel's output down market," Mr Grade said in Cambridge at the Royal Television Society's convention.

His promises came as two former founder directors of Channel 4, both contenders for Mr Grade's job in 1987, announced that they were to revive a lobby group to ensure the channel remains faithful to its remit.

Roger Graef, an independent producer, and Anthony Smith, president of Magdalen College, Oxford, said they had joined with Philip Whitehead, a member of the Annan Committee which founded Channel 4. The group said it aimed to become the conscience of Channel 4. "If the remit is safe in Mr Grade's hands, we will celebrate. If not, we will tell him where we think he is going wrong," Mr Graef said.

Last week, Mr Smith accused the channel of having lost its way, and attacked the golden handcuff payments to prevent executives from joining Channel 3 bidders.

Mr Grade said yesterday: "Perhaps we at the channel, myself particularly, bear some of the blame for the fact that these criticisms have surfaced. We took it for granted that people would understand that change was necessary – that as the channel matured, it was bound to change – if only because last year's Channel 4 innovations became this year's BBC imitations.

"Without the right programmes, Channel 4 fails. To attempt to clone the output of rival commercial channels would be suicide for us. The advertisers do not want it, the viewers do not need it, parliament will not have it, and our identity and purpose would disappear as surely as our income if we tried it. It has not happened – it will not happen."

Thatcher 'took her revenge'

THE controversial Thames Television documentary *Death on the Rock* pushed Margaret Thatcher to take her "revenge" on ITV by ushering in the unpopular Channel 3 licence auctioning procedure, the station's chief executive told broadcasters yesterday (Melinda Wittstock writes).

Richard Dunn said that the programme, which came before the government's white paper, brought discussions between ITV and the government to a halt.

Speaking at the Royal Television Society's convention in Cambridge, Mr Dunn said that the documentary was the final straw, coming shortly after the BBC and ITV had angered the prime minister by refusing to hand over sensitive footage of two IRA killings in Northern Ireland.

He added that the prime minister's intransigence prevented alternatives to the auction procedure from being given a proper hearing.

☐ The Independent Television Commission has said it will not disclose the results of the Channel 3 licence auction until after October 14.



Royal doctor: the Duchess of York during a light hearted moment at her installation yesterday as chancellor of Salford University. She received an honorary doctorate

Judge scorns proposal for court reform

By FRANCES GIBB
LEGAL AFFAIRS CORRESPONDENT

A SENIOR high court judge yesterday condemned new proposals for reforming the way judges are appointed and for a new supreme court in place of the House of Lords as "tending towards safety and conservatism" and likely to result in only marginal change.

Sir Leonard Hoffmann said that the proposals for judges to be appointed by a Judicial Services Commission could lead to the selection of "compromise candidates – not the best but the one to whom there is least objection".

His comments came at a conference held by the Institute of Public Policy Research to debate its proposals published this week for a written constitution for Britain, a Bill of Rights and a radical reform of the selection of judges.

Sir Leonard questioned whether there was evidence that the present system of appointment promoted lawyers and judges who favoured the executive or that it excluded those who took an anti-government line in rulings.

He said that he knew of no cases where a judge or would-be judge had compromised his independence to secure judicial appointment or had not been promoted because he had opposed the government in an important case. "At the risk of being accused of complacency, there is little case for change in the system on the grounds that it is not working well."

He said he was also worried by the proposal for the lay majority. The appraisal of judicial expertise, he said, should be by judges' peers. The lay view of what made a good judge was not always right. "I can't imagine having a lay majority to choose who should be appointed as a consultant in a hospital."

Such a commission would lead to the selection of compromised candidates and perhaps greater numbers of dull or conventional judges than now, Sir Leonard said.

He dismissed the proposal for a supreme court in place of the House of Lords as little more than a change in name. He accepted, however, the proposal that such a body should draw on a wider spectrum of candidates, such as from academic lawyers.

In reply, Anthony Scrivener, QC, chairman of the Bar, told the conference that a Judicial Services Commission was the way forward. The method of appointing judges was not satisfactory, he said. Those who prosecuted or worked for the government tended to find their way on to the bench more easily than did those who defended or often took cases against the government.

Anthony Lester, QC, said that from his experience of interviewing lawyers to be recorders, the first rung on the judicial ladder, it "becomes clear that there is a great deal of prejudice, some of it on political grounds, which seeps into the records".

Murder police hunt caller

Police hunting the killer of Lynne Rogers, aged 17, of Catford, south London, said yesterday that a man telephoned her home from a payphone in Crawley, West Sussex, on Saturday, August 31, nine days before she was found dead.

Police have issued an artist's impression of the man based on information from a witness who was near the kiosk. Miss Rogers was killed after going to meet a man about a job on September 4.



An artist's impression of the man wanted by police

Halford talks

High Court proceedings were adjourned yesterday while attempts to reach a settlement continued in the dispute over Merseyside Police Authority's suspension of Alison Halford, an assistant chief constable.

Drug messages

Commercial radio announcements aimed at drug addicts will be used in the Bristol area as part of a £75,000 educational campaign against drug abuse in the South-West, the health secretary, William Waldegrave, said yesterday.

National parks win independence

By DAVID YOUNG

THE government is to take control of the nation's national parks away from local authorities after it accepted the recommendations of a study on how they should be run.

At present, only the Peak District and the Lake District national parks are self-governing. The other eight in England and Wales come under county council control. The recommendation was made in the national parks review panel report earlier this year.

Sir Wyn Roberts, the Welsh Office minister, said yesterday that the government had agreed in principle to the creation of independent authorities for all parks. He told the national parks conference in Brecon, Powys, that the authorities represented the best way of delivering national park services in future.

The decision was welcomed by independence campaigners, who argued that the new authorities would be free of council bureaucracy and would be able to concentrate on protecting and improving the parks.

The Council for National Parks, which represents environmental and leisure groups, said the decision was the first step towards improving protection of the parks.

The Ramblers' Association said its delight was tempered by the knowledge that the government had made other promises about the national parks which it had failed to implement.

David Trippier, minister of state for the environment, said: "The national parks are the jewel in the crown of our landscape. This government's acceptance of the Countryside Commission's and Countryside Council for Wales's recommendations for independent status for all parks is a strong indication of our commitment to their protection and of the importance with which we regard them.

"We are keen to have strong local representation on the new authorities. Our aim will be to ensure that the people who live and work in the parks, who have shaped them into what they are today, are fully represented by those members who are drawn from the local authorities."

In December 1989, the Countryside Commission reviewed how the parks should be run. It looked at administrative arrangements and management of the parks and resources.

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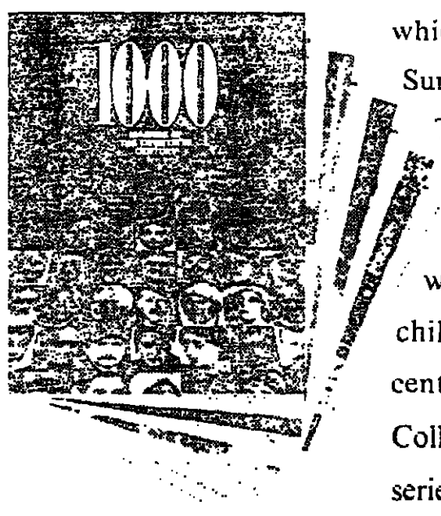
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Green party conference

Leaders set sights on capturing radical vote

By MICHAEL MCCARTHY, ENVIRONMENT CORRESPONDENT

ALTERNATIVE politics of the sort that captured much of the Labour party a decade ago were put on offer yesterday when the Green party set out its stall for the general election.

Reinforcing their commitment to unilateral nuclear disarmament, and introducing a new ultra-liberal immigration policy which foresees the eventual dismantling of all controls, the Greens at their autumn conference in Wolverhampton put themselves forward enthusiastically as the only true home for the true radical voter. In so doing they forcefully rejected Thursday's appeal from Liberal Democrats to stand aside in marginal seats, and claimed that they were becoming increasingly attractive to former Labour party activists disillusioned by Neil Kinnock's march to the centre.

"We must reclaim the radical," Caroline Lucas, prospective parliamentary candidate for Oxford East and one of the party's national speakers, said in her keynote address. She added that the Greens continuing rejection of economic growth would make any alliance such as that suggested by Simon Hughes, the Liberal Democrats' environment spokesman, impossible.

"At the heart of his party, at at the heart of the Labour and Conservative parties, still lies the basic rationale that it is only through the continuing increase in production and consumption that the well-being of humankind can be increased," she said. The Greens' economic policy would in effect put the economy into reverse and introduce a basic state income scheme for everyone.

The party shows no signs of trimming its radicalism to gain votes. There is some evidence that, if properly organised, it might build a "rainbow alliance" coalition of ecologists, pacifists, feminists and others, of the sort which Ken Livingstone so successfully constructed as his power base to capture and hold the Greater London Council for Labour in the early Eighties.

Mallen Baker, one of the party's co-chairs, said yesterday: "An awful lot of previous Labour supporters find that they now have only one place to go and a lot of Labour party activists are now joining us." He did not provide figures.

However, Margaret Glover, one of the Green party members at the conference yesterday, said that she had been a Labour party member and activist for 30 years before switching allegiance in 1987 because Labour had betrayed the anti-nuclear policy she believed in.

Nuclear strategy spelt out

THE Green party reinforced its position as the only political party supporting unilateral nuclear disarmament yesterday when the conference *overwhelmingly adopted* a new strategy on "defensive defence" (Michael McCarthy writes).

The party's anti-nuclear commitment, until now largely rhetorical, was spelt out in a detailed programme. It would cancel, scrap or dismantle all British nuclear weapons and would close American bases in Britain within three years.

The principle of non-violent resistance at the core of the policy, known as "social defence", would be promoted and explained by a social defence commission. Pacificism would be included in education programmes at schools, colleges and universities, studying the nature of war and non-violent means of conflict resolution.

British involvement in the international arms trade would be ended and a minister of state in the Foreign Office would have responsibility for phasing out military exports. The armed forces would receive special training in relief work and be on standby to help with natural disasters and environmental threats.

The conference rejected a proposal to abolish professional armed forces and to make all citizens aged 18-25 spend a year learning community defence skills.



Glory restored: Harold Partridge of English Heritage checking the condition of the roof of the Great Hall of Bowhill, a Tudor mansion in Exeter, Devon, during an extensive restoration project which was completed last month. The house was built in about 1500 for the Holland family, who lived there until 1936. The main item of interest is the roof which is said to have been built more for show, and to demonstrate the carpenter's skill, than for strength. Restoration of the house by English Heritage involved analysing, preserving and where necessary matching the original structure with new materials, including traditional Devon cob, which is composed of mud, subsoil and straw, for the basic walling material. The house is open until Monday week. Next year it can be visited from April 1 until September 30.

SNP conference

Scots 'shadow cabinet' to prepare for home rule

By KERRY GILL

THE Scottish National Party will for the first time announce a "shadow cabinet" team within the next two weeks as part of its attempt to show that it is ready to form an independent government for Scotland, Alex Salmond, the party leader, said yesterday.

The decision to give specific portfolios to leading party members is part of the nationalists' declared goal of achieving independence within 15 months. "Scotland Free by '93" is their new slogan.

Although some members were surprised by the slogan, feeling that it could be a hostage to fortune, the leadership clearly thinks that time is running out and that it is imperative that the party persuades the 37 per cent of Scots who favour independence to back the nationalists, now lagging with 19 per cent support behind the Tories north of the border.

It will be an uphill struggle. A medieval writer said that Scotland's tragedy was that "those who hate her hate her worse than the devil, but those who love her love her less than their dinners". That was what the SNP had to change, Mr Salmond told the annual conference in Inverness.

The formation of a shadow cabinet, the party believes, will demonstrate that the nationalists are no longer a party of protest but a party ready for government and a real alternative to the Labour party's shadow team of ministers.

"It follows therefore that we have to demonstrate that we too have the capacity to change. No longer can we be content to be an occasional party of protest. We have the willpower and the ambition to become a party of government," Mr Salmond said.

"We offer the presentation, the policies and the people to succeed. The presentation and the policies we have already demonstrated this week. We now have to demonstrate that we also have the people."

Mr Salmond told activists that their task this autumn was to persuade the one and a half million people who tacitly supported the cause of independence that they should vote for the SNP.



Salmond: "Not a party of occasional protest"

Mr Salmond went on to say that the SNP had some cause for satisfaction. "Over the last three years we have re-presented the case for Scottish independence, modernised it and placed it within the international context. The myth that somehow independence was a step backwards is being replaced by the new realisation that it is the way forward for Scotland."

Mr Salmond has already disclosed that up to 1,000 people have expressed interest in joining the SNP since the party political broadcast by Sean Connery on Monday.

☐ For £20 the party's prospective parliamentary candidates will be able to hire a slideshow and text putting the economic case for independence.

The package will be available from next week and it is hoped that every one of the 72 nationalist candidates will promote the latest party slogan "Waken up, Scotland".

The slideshow was presented yesterday to delegates by Alex Neil, who is in charge of publicity. He said that an independent Scotland was potentially one of the wealthiest nations in Europe. He said that estimated oil reserves on the Scottish continental shelf totalled more than 3.5 billion tonnes, sufficient for 400 years at present rates of consumption and worth at least £450 billion, £250,000 for every Scottish household.

Prison reformers back national study of bail crime

By STEWART TENDLER, CRIME CORRESPONDENT

PRISON reformers yesterday supported a call from senior police for a national scheme to monitor the number of defendants released on bail who commit fresh crime, but rejected calls for the creation of a new offence of committing crime while on bail.

The reforms are part of a package of proposals to be presented to the Home Office next month by the Association of Chief Police Officers. If the new offence is not created, police will suggest that criminal records should include details of whether a crime was committed on bail. They also want a fresh examination of the acts governing bail.

Police anxiety has been fuelled by recent research by Northumbria police showing that four out of ten crimes detected in an area of Newcastle upon Tyne were committed by defendants on bail. The majority of the crimes were burglary and theft and the offenders were aged between 14 and 20.

Research by Scotland Yard has shown a much lower reoffending rate – less than 20 per cent in London. The study examined offenders released on bail by courts. The Northumbria research examined offenders released by the courts and those on police bail.

Stephen Shaw, director of the Prison Reform Trust, said yesterday that he supported the call for more research since there was a danger that police were exaggerating the size of the problem. He said creating a new offence would not help since courts already considered the background to a crime when they sentenced an offender. Noting on a criminal record that offences were committed during bail would provide incomplete information that might prove dangerous.

Mr Shaw said an overhaul of the 1976 Bail Act was needed. At present, 40 per cent of offenders remanded in custody did not receive custodial sentences and magistrates considering bail should bear in mind whether the defendant's offence might result in a jail sentence, he said.

Paul Cavadino, a member of the National Association for the Care and Resettlement of Offenders, agreed that the act needed review. He also said that the idea of marking records did not seem unreasonable. Mr Cavadino did not, however, believe that the creation of a new offence of committing crime while on bail was warranted.

The police association's initiative is the result of a two-day discussion by its crime committee under the chairmanship of Albert Pacey, chief constable of Gloucestershire.

The bail issue has raised police anxiety in the past year and some chief constables have blamed rising crime rates on groups of offenders carrying out crime while awaiting trial. Last month, the government announced that it would conduct urgent research to established how many offences were committed on bail.

Tories accused of frittering oil cash

By ROBERT MORGAN, PARLIAMENTARY STAFF

THE government was accused yesterday of squandering £93 billion of North Sea oil revenues instead of investing for the future.

Frank Dobson, the shadow energy secretary, said that money had gone on unemployment benefits and tax cuts for the rich instead of into manufacturing and research. There had never been a more profligate government, he said. "They have wasted the past and they must not be allowed to ruin the future."

Presenting a Labour party report *North Sea Oil: Twelve Wasted Years* at a news conference in London, Mr Dobson accused the Tories of using North Sea oil revenues to mask a catastrophic decline in Britain's trading position. The report, he said, showed that, over the past 12 years, £76 billion of taxpayers' money had gone on unemployment benefits, £10 billion on tax cuts and £10 billion on easing the poll tax burden. In spite of the bonus from oil, Britain was now a net importer of fuel. "We have the biggest combined supplies of coal, gas and oil but we are importing more than we are exporting at present," he said.

Without North Sea oil, Britain would have had a trade deficit in every year of the Conservative government. "North Sea oil gave Britain a unique opportunity to stablise our economy and invest, in our long-term future. The government has wasted this unrepeatable opportunity and frittered the money away," Mr Dobson said.

Two other shadow cabinet members joined yesterday in the condemnation of the government's industrial record. John Smith, the shadow Chancellor, said that in spite of the oil revenues, investment in manufacturing industry was less in 1991 than in 1979. That spoke volumes about the present government. "I do not believe we can ever regard ourselves as being in a satisfactory economic situation when investment is falling and unemployment is rising," he said.

Gordon Brown, the shadow trade and industry secretary, said that, under the Tories, Britain had been transformed from a leading industrial nation into a second division one. In government-funded civil research, Britain had fallen to the bottom of the European growth league. In all key areas of output, investment, exports and employment, its record was worse than that of all other European competitors.

Mr Brown said that figures to be released by the European Commission next month would show that business prospects in Britain were the worst of any of the 12 EC member states. Ministers would have to do more than talk if the British economy were to improve, he said.

Hope of steel revival dented

BRITISH Steel last night denied reports at the conference that the company was poised to increase production at the Ravenscraig complex from 22,000 tonnes a week by opening up a second blast furnace.

Iain Lawson, the nationalists' steel spokesman, had announced to delegates that reliable industry sources had told him that production was to increase next April, reversing the rundown of the Scottish steel industry. Although British Steel issued a denial, Mr Lawson insisted that his source was impeccable.

At the end of a debate on the future of the industry he disclosed details of the new investment which, he said, could be between £6 million and £18 million. At present the neighbouring Dalzell plate mill is supplied with steel slabs by Lackenby, on Teesside, almost 200 miles away.

Mr Lawson said: "Everything we have been saying about the madness of supplying Dalzell from Lackenby is proven beyond doubt by this new information. Despite denials by British Steel, Teesside docks during the last few weeks has been importing vast quantities of slabs from abroad because they are unable to produce either the quantity or quality of slab required by Dalzell."

He said that to keep Dalzell running normally, one 20-tonne lorry had to leave Lackenby every 22 minutes, 24 hours a day, seven days a week. British Steel, he said, had failed to maintain that schedule and would be forced to open up a second furnace at Ravenscraig. Dalzell is less than two miles from Ravenscraig but takes no steel from its neighbouring plant, Mr Lawson said.

Mr Lawson said that the work could create several hundred new jobs in Lanarkshire after almost 20 years of job losses in the industry. In 1974 there were 27,500 steel workers in Scotland; now there are less than 3,000, including about 1,200 left at Ravenscraig. More than 1,700 jobs have disappeared over the past 12 months.

Anti-theft lock traps joyriders in car

TWO youths who broke into a parked car found themselves trapped inside by a sophisticated electronic locking device installed by its owner.

The car doors locked automatically when they tried to turn on the engine, and an alarm sounded in the home of the owner Anthony Sissons, alerting him that his Ford Sierra was being stolen. Police arrived within minutes of his call and made one of their easiest arrests.

Mr Sissons, aged 24, a garage service manager, of Southwell, Nottinghamshire, said: "The trapped youths tried to smash their way out of the car at first but they quietened down when I arrived. They were terrified."

He said that he had decided to take action after thieves tried three times in a week to steal his car. "It was stolen on the first night I had it. It was recovered 15 miles away but there was £600 of damage. I got it home and immobilised it but someone tried stealing it again that very same night."

With the help of an electrician friend, Warren Evison, aged 28, he rigged up the anti-theft device, which impressed police so much that they suggested he patent it. Mr Sissons said: "I am considering taking out a patent. This could be the answer to the joyriders' crime spree sweeping Britain."

Mr Evison added: "Harsher sentences are needed in cases like this. We actually watched them steal the car. We were really chuffed because it took a lot of setting up. There was no way they could get out and the police found it very amusing."

At Nottingham crown court earlier this week, Dean Rodgers, aged 18, of Hucknall, Nottinghamshire, admitted two offences of taking cars without consent, one of reckless driving and asked for 77 offences to be be taken into consideration. The court was told that he was addicted to joyriding. He was sentenced to a year at a young offenders' institution and banned from driving for two years.

The other youth was dealt with by a juvenile court.

Road firms fined after motorway death

Three construction companies were fined by Oxford crown court yesterday after the death of a man working on the M40 extension in Oxfordshire. Ian Bennett, aged 20, from Wolverhampton, suffered multiple injuries when he fell 20ft from a bridge being built over the motorway in June. He died 18 days later.

Motorway contractors Alfred McAlpine Construction, of South Wirral, Cheshire, and Fairclough Civil Engineering, of Northwich, Cheshire, were each fined £4,000 after admitting breaching safety regulations. Helcra Construction, of Colchester, Essex, which built the work platform from which Mr Bennett fell, was fined £8,000. It admitted a similar breach.

Pit bull case adjourned

The first person to be charged under the Dangerous Dogs Act had his pit bull terrier returned to him by police after Stourbridge magistrates adjourned his case. Police said David Crabtree, aged 29, a traveller, was allowed to take home the dog after showing he had a lead and muzzle for it.

Man jailed for cell killing

Malcolm Kennedy, aged 44, a restaurant owner, was jailed for life by the Central Criminal Court, London, for killing a cellmate at Hammersmith police station in December 1989. The court was told that Kennedy and Patrick Quinn, aged 56, a building worker, were both arrested for being drunk and disorderly. Kennedy, from Stoke Newington, north London, kicked, punched and stamped on Mr Quinn after an argument.

Man raped girl

John Bethell, aged 51, of Epsom, Surrey, was jailed for nine years by the Central criminal Court for raping and indecently assaulting a girl over a period of almost 12 years. He also took indecent photographs of her.

Robber grabbed

Gary Paul, aged 22, of Homerton, east London, was jailed for eight years by the Central criminal court after workers grabbed him when he tried to rob their factory with an imitation firearm.

Wife murdered

Talib Hussain, aged 24, of Middlesbrough, was jailed for life by Teesside crown court for murdering his wife, Nusrat, aged 21, by dousing her in petrol and setting her alight.

Chemical alert

Part of Chippenham, Wiltshire, was evacuated after a forklift driver pierced a chemical container, releasing unidentified fumes.

Wind power

David Hunt, the Welsh secretary, approved plans for 24 wind turbine generators near Machynlleth, Powys.

Water tests

Tests on private water supplies in Sheffield have shown that 89 out of 180 breached maximum bacteria levels.

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Times correspondents offer personal views of the Yugoslav war's repercussions

Europeans must intervene



Roger Boyes argues that the Twelve must decide on their vision of Europe: either they abandon Yugoslavia to its fate or send in a buffer force to impose peace

BLOOD and the Balkans mix as freely as tonic and gin. But should British soldiers add theirs to the ethnic war in Yugoslavia? The answer, despite the demurral of John Major and general British reluctance to get involved in a messy war, is almost certainly yes.

The anti-interventionists, with Britain to the fore, at the West European Union meeting on Thursday, missed the point when they argued that peacekeeping forces could not be "interposed" until peace is established on the ground. The European Community has reached a turning point: it must either abandon Yugoslavia or go in with a fully armed buffer force that imposes a kind of peace. Whatever is decided will fundamentally shape future EC foreign policy.

Beyond a sentimental attachment to Tito's state, now irretrievably shattered, Britain does not have a strong specific interest in Yugoslavia. Its security is not directly threatened. British economic involvement in either Serbia or Croatia is small, and shrinking, and there is a real risk that British lives would be threatened if they were part of a buffer force.

The Yugoslav generals, who fear that a foreign peace force will change the political equation, made their point on Thursday by dispatching hundreds of tanks and armoured vehicles towards Croatia. That was a warning to Croatia and to interventionists in Europe: the Yugoslav army remains a modern and powerful force despite sagging morale and the boycott of Croatian, Slovene, Macedonian and Bosnian reservists.

But if there is no *force d'interposition* there may well be a massacre of Croats. The Germans and the Austrians have been warning of this since early summer. When the Yugoslav army started not only to protect Serb insurgents but also to plan their operations and even fight shoulder to shoulder, the threat of a bloodbath began to look more likely.

If Britain is committed to a broader Europe, it must start making definitions. Writing off Yugoslavia suggests that neither Croatia nor Serbia are part of this European vision. Most important, however, non-intervention allows Slobodan Milosevic, the Serbian leader, to create his cherished greater Serbia in most, if not all, of Croatia.

A greater Serbia would condemn areas of Europe to instability and quite possibly a wider war. Albania has vowed to defend Albanians in Kosovo if the Yugoslav army moves against them. The Hungarian minority in Serb-dominated Vojvodina could call on an already very nervous Hungarian government. The investment climate in Hungary — and perhaps the rest of Central Europe — would then turn frosty, jeopardising the shift to market economies.

Macedonia is a bone contested by the terriers of Greece, Bulgaria and Serbia. Italy and Austria, with common frontiers, cannot assume a passive policy in the face of a greater Serbia — nor of course would the Croats accept Serbian occupation.

EC observers carried out a useful task in overseeing the army withdrawal from Slovenia this summer. But now, in the absence of a concerted European policy on the Croatian war, they are merely ridiculous.

The ceasefires are being signed by those who have least interest in peace and anti-interventionists say that, since the Serbs and Croats do not want to stop fighting, there is nothing they can do. But many Serbs do want peace and Croats see themselves not as warmongers but as defenders of their territory.

EC's policy bears the scars



The concept of joint decision-making by the European Community is being bruisingly tested by the Balkan conflict, writes **George Brock**

YUGOSLAVIA is teaching the European Community harsh truths about "joint foreign policy", including the lesson that successful co-ordination between sovereign states with separate interests has strict limits. The community has never bumped harder against those limits than during the Yugoslav civil war.

On Thursday, the EC and the nine governments which make up the defence group, the Western European Union, drew back from an ill-considered jump into military adventure. But the ambiguity of EC policy-making still allows for all governments to satisfy their varying appetites.

Hans-Dietrich Genscher, the portly impressario of German foreign policy, is under increasing attack at home for failing to do enough for Slovenia and Croatia. The postwar German generation feels guilty about the second world war occupation of Yugoslavia, the German Catholic church leans its weighty political influence in favour of the Catholics of the breakaway northern republics, and most of Germany's half-million Yugoslav guestworkers are Croats.

Herr Genscher, if he is to avoid being pushed into recognising Slovenia and Croatia, and break with the fragile line of the Twelve, must generate a new alternative initiative almost every week. At the end of a divided meeting he still managed to claim that armed intervention would happen, although no Germans would take part.

Roland Dumas, his French counterpart, needs to keep abreast of Germany, as French foreign policy traditionally demands. He and President Mitterrand fill the airwaves with the names and initials of every known international organisation which might support the dispatch of troops while confident that their conditions for actually deploying them were nowhere near being fulfilled.

Gianni De Michelis of Italy was emphatic that Italian troops should go but vague about what they would do there.

Douglas Hurd, the British foreign secretary, ploughed his lonely furrow. Mediators always get criticised, he said. The EC should not dissolve into neurotic introspection because it cannot work miracles in Croatia. Look at Northern Ireland: much easier to get in than to get out. He flourished a brace of political alternatives to armed force, including an oil embargo. As the EC communiqué was watered down phrase by phrase to announce that rather than marching troops to the Balkans the EC was going to set up another committee, he got his way.

Afterwards, Mr Hurd sounded strained. "I am very anxious that we should not exaggerate what we can do, or pretend that we in Western Europe can substitute for the lack of will for peace in Yugoslavia itself." Mr Hurd sounded fearful that Europe was about to lurch into a military intervention which would jeopardise all of its co-operation for years to come.

The taboo on EC discussion of military matters has effectively been broken as the distinction between the community and the WEU has been elided by Yugoslavia. The Dutch government, responsible for the peacekeepers already in Croatia, wants them protected. The EC is the only international organisation remotely acceptable to all the Yugoslav groups and somebody has to be on hand if the warlords want to talk peace. As he trails the corridors of the United Nations next week, Mr Hurd has to keep dreaming up plausible alternatives to military action.

Croatian seizure of barracks raises stakes in conflict

From TIM JUDAH IN VARAZDIN, CROATIA

WHEN the people of Varazdin fled to their air-raid shelters yesterday morning they had good reason to fear an attack. Croatian forces were moving captured weapons, ammunition and military vehicles from barracks that they had captured from the Yugoslav army on Thursday, five days after a blockade led to fierce fighting. But one tank garrison and a military building in the centre of the town are still holding out.

"This is a town of baroque music and flowers," explained Ivo Pasic, a national guardsman, as he served a tonic water behind the bar of the Admiral casino in the basement of Varazdin's main hotel, now serving as a central air-raid shelter. Yesterday civilians sat around "Jolly Joker" slot machines while national guardsmen and armed volunteers slept on the floor, waiting for the all-clear sirens to sound.

The war came to Varazdin, 51 miles north of Zagreb, only last Saturday, when Croatian forces besieged the town's five Yugoslav army installations. Since then two barracks and an officers' club have been captured. "Our money paid for their equipment, and now they are using it to destroy our homes," Mr Pasic said. "We should have done this a long time ago."

Yesterday afternoon a lorry began removing equipment from the captured Jalkovecke Zrtve barracks. At least 25 military vehicles, including armoured cars, are still in the barracks, but four armoured personnel carriers have been moved out.

On the parade ground of the barracks, which had been held by 196 soldiers and four officers, a mobile military telephone exchange still smouldered. Thousands of spent bullet casings lay along the corridors and the damaged buildings bore testament to the ferocity of the fighting. Empty anti-aircraft shells littered the barracks ground, testimony to the heavy weapons the army had been firing. But the damage inflicted on the barracks and vehicles showed that the Croats, too, had been firing mortars or rocket-propelled grenades.

Helmets, bloody rags and other junk littered the captured barracks. Inside an armoured car mounted with an anti-aircraft gun lay a pornographic magazine. On the asphalt outside was a double album recording of Tito's best speeches and a soldier's photo album with a picture of his mother feeding chickens.

In the nearby 18th-century mansion, which had housed the army officers' club, national guardsmen were relaxing while rotting meat from the kitchen was being removed. Empty beer and wine bottles lay on the floor and a helmet decorated a bust of Lenin.

"We won't be using this as our own officers' club quite yet," said Neven, a national guardsman who had been a computer engineer before the war. He explained that the building had been held by 16 soldiers, including a sergeant, and that they had surrendered after a night and half a day of shooting. "We also used megaphones ... it was a combination of shooting and psychological war," he said. "The captured soldiers were sent home but officers are kept for questioning — or whatever else you do with captured officers."

Almost incredibly, only one Yugoslav army officer and one civilian have been reported killed in Varazdin since last Saturday, but more casualties can be expected since further fighting seems inevitable. Yesterday's air-raid alert turned out to be a false alarm. But with the first significant amounts of captured matériel now falling into Croatian hands, attacks are anticipated if only to prevent the vehicles which have not yet been moved being used by the Croats.



Delicate touch: an explosives expert from the Yugoslav army yesterday collecting anti-tank mines laid by Croatian forces in the village of Sarvas in eastern Croatia

Georgian leader defies critics

From BRUCE CLARK IN TBILISI

ZVIAD Gamsakhurdia, the president of Georgia, stood defiant on the steps of the parliament here last night as former government colleagues denounced him as incompetent and an opposition activist suggested he was mad.

Irina Sarishvili, who was dragged off a plane at Tbilisi airport with her husband, Gia Chanturia, on Monday night, questioned the president's sanity with unusual bluntness at a press conference after her release from custody. "There is no point in having a dialogue with the president," she said. "Only a psychiatrist should be talking to him."

After nearly three weeks of disarray in Tbilisi, the consultations between the Georgian leader and his critics lurched towards a climax, with thousands of supporters on both sides demonstrating in the city's barricaded Rustaveli Avenue. About 5,000 supporters of the president applauded vigorously as he appeared in front of the legislature.

Mr Gamsakhurdia set forth an odd mixture of moderate and explosive rhetoric as he emerged from the closed parliamentary session to address the crowd, which included many people brought in from provincial areas where the opposition is weak.

"Opposition exists everywhere ... and we must restrain ourselves," he declared. "There are enemies of Georgia who must answer with their heads for their crimes".

At the other end of the avenue, opposition leaders, flanked by disillusioned former members of the government, addressed a crowd of about 10,000 and promised to try to reoccupy by peaceful means the place in front of parliament which has been blocked for two weeks by a government-inspired barricade of buses.

Yeltsin embarks on peace mission

From MICHAEL BINYON IN MOSCOW

BORIS Yeltsin was due to leave for Baku in Azerbaijan last night, having apparently recovered from the heart problem that kept him from the opening of the Russian parliament on Thursday.

He was scheduled to lead a fact-finding mission to the volatile Transcaucasian republics, and was said to be carrying a proposal from President Gorbachev to end the fighting in Nagorno-Karabakh, an Armenian enclave in Azerbaijan where more than 800 people have been killed in three years. He will meet leaders on both sides of the ethnic divide.

His trip will be a test of his popularity, which has risen sharply since the failed coup. He is clearly relying on it to give him authority to broker a deal that will end the bitter rivalry that has resisted all solutions. He will be accompanied by Nursultan Nazarbayev, president of Kazakhstan. Mr Gorbachev has prepared a decree that is said to be based on the interests of all the belligerents. Until now Moscow has been reluctant to admit the principle of border changes, and has rejected demands that the enclave be transferred to Armenian control. Armenia has been disappointed by the Soviet response, which has fuelled anti-Russian feeling. But Azerbaijan also sees Moscow as biased, especially after the army attack on Baku in January last year.

In Mr Yeltsin's absence, the Russian parliament yesterday criticised the Russian government's programme of economic measures and its attempts to revive the Russian countryside. Deputies called for him to reconsider ministerial appointments and remove officials who did not follow its resolutions.

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Parisian graffiti artists go ever deeper underground

While the French culture minister praises graffiti, **Philip Jacobson** explains the anger of those who have to clear it up

BENEATH the streets of Paris, youthful bands of "taggers" are risking arrest, and occasionally death, in their passion for spray-painting trains and stations with elaborate graffiti. Cleaning up after the likes of Nasty, Oeno and Stern now costs the capital's transport authority, the RATP, about 70 million francs (£7 million) a year, and frustrated officials concede in private that they are losing the struggle with the daubers.

Taggers have recently penetrated into long-abandoned stations, only accessible through filthy, pitch-black tunnels littered with potential hazards. At Haxo, built in the 1930s to serve the the 20th *arrondissement* but never opened, aerosol designs cover the earthenware walls. At Saint-Martin, taken out of service more than 50 years ago, handsome old ceramic advertising hoardings, have been disfigured by slashes of paint.

The Metro's working stations are naturally more vulnerable, and provide a tempting canvas for taggers eager to display their work. This summer the statues and carved panels of Louvre-Rivoli, jewel of the RATP network used by millions of visitors to the museum above, were vandalised by a spray-paint gang, causing 500,000 francs of damage. Above ground, the taggers are equally active, though by luck — or perhaps even self-restraint — the most famous buildings and monuments have escaped serious disfigurement.

Of course, other great cities are grappling with the tagger menace, but Paris is surely one of the few where the art of street graffiti is taught at university level. At Paris university in the northern suburbs of Saint-Denis, where the run-down streets are full of graffiti, spray-painting can be studied alongside the theory and practice of rap music.

Jack Lang, the minister of culture and ultimate exponent of radical chic, is patron of a an exhibition-cum-seminar dealing with street graffiti that will be staged at the National Museum of Historical Monuments next month. To the intense annoyance of the RATP, which sometimes enlists the aid of the culture ministry's own experts to clear up aerosol damage, M Lang has spoken of tagging as a higher form of urban art, praising "young creators full of talent".

To the trend-chasing M Lang — lampooned in *Le Point* magazine as "Jack the Rappeur" — it appears to be of little concern that regular public surveys show, in the words of a columnist in the *International Herald Tribune*, that the average Metro passenger "would prefer to see daubers, however talented, strung up by their thumbs".

One wonders if he has ever encountered M Segondat, the RATP chemist who labours to produce cheap and effective methods of countering the tagger, or Christian Kozar, head of the environment and security division, who gleefully confided to *L'Evénement du Jeudi* magazine that his working motto is "Catch 'em and rub 'em out." He says they are "like cats and dogs that pee to mark out their own patch ... but we are going to reconquer that territory."

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Munich drinkers clean up image

From IAN MURRAY IN BONN

THE Oktoberfest, Munich's annual beer quaffing marathon, opens its seven huge tents and beerhalls tomorrow seeking a new image in an increasingly environmentally conscious age. The seven million and more pilgrims who are expected to pour on to the site over the next 16 days will find that among the traditional oom-pah-pah bands and the busty barmaids new teams of cleaners and uniformed security men will be on patrol.

Clearing up after the non-stop orgy has proved so expensive to the city in the past that new regulations have been brought in. These force the brewers to organise and pay for rubbish collection so that the site can be quickly returned for use as a car park once the party is over.

Last year around 11,500 cubic yards of used paper plates, plastic forks and broken tankards and glasses had to be collected and removed. The ground is turned to a soggy mess by spilt beer and leakages from the 500 yards of urinals. With no likelihood of the merrymakers themselves being persuaded to be any less messy this year, the brewers have no choice but to hire squads of cleaners and to buy space in tips to dispose of the waste.

At the same time the police have insisted that they cannot be expected to maintain peace and quiet among the drinkers at the festival. Private security firms therefore are being drafted in to try to keep order, although the official force will be on hand to intervene in emergencies.

Police are also on the watch today to make sure neo-nazis do not try to hand out banned leaflets to crowds gathering to watch the pre-festival parades. Hitler first announced the nazi programme at a Munich brewery in 1920 and right-wing extremists say they mean to prove to crowds at the festival this year that the extermination camp at Auschwitz never existed.

While the official police deal with any neo-nazi demonstrations, the uniformed festival "specials" will be on the lookout to stop people from stealing heavy, one-litre beer tankards as souvenirs. Over 100,000 of them, worth about £1.50 each, disappear every year.



Festival spirit: a Munich waitress delivering beer

Tehran 'ordered Bakhtiar killing'

Paris — French anti-terrorist investigators are understood to have established that the assassination in Paris of Shapour Bakhtiar, prime minister of Iran under the shah, was carried out on orders from officials in Tehran (Philip Jacobson writes).

They are also reported to be convinced that a nephew of the late Ayatollah Khomeini was directly involved in planning the killing six weeks ago. A fresh round of arrests ordered by the investigating magistrate in charge of the case this week is believed to have produced valuable new evidence linking the Khomeini relative, Massoud Hendi, to the plot.

Belize ties

Belize City — Belize is getting an unexpected present from its neighbour, Guatemala, for the tenth anniversary of its independence from Britain — diplomatic recognition. The decision to appoint an ambassador to Belize paves the way for an end to Guatemalan territorial claims on the former British Honduras. *(Reuter)*

US pact offer

Islamabad — America has offered to sign a new defence pact with Pakistan, provided Islamabad agrees to abandon its weapon-grade nuclear programme, the Karachi daily newspaper *Dawn* reported. It said the US had indicated its willingness to revise the 1959 defence agreement. *(AFP)*

Korean missile

Tokyo — North Korea will probably have developed a missile by next year able to reach Japan, the Kyodo news agency said. The agency quoted what it called international military sources here as saying that the Rodong No. 1 surface-to-surface missile would have a range of 500 miles. *(Reuter)*

Germ war denial

Tokyo — The Japanese government says it has no record of a biological warfare laboratory, alleged by the Singapore *Straits Times* to have operated there in the second world war. It has no evidence that there was a Singapore branch of a Japanese unit in China that allegedly killed thousands in medical experiments. *(AFP)*

Neolithic links

Pontoise — Workers building a golf course in this Paris suburb were startled to discover that it already had the 19 holes required. They have stumbled on the mid-neolithic (about 4400 BC) ruins of the oldest homes ever found in France. The holes originally supported the stilts on which the houses were built. *(AFP)*

In a lighter vein

Washington — Astronauts on the Columbia space shuttle in June returned after nine days' weightlessness weaker and with less blood, American space scientists said, announcing results of a study of the effects of prolonged weightlessness. *(Reuter)*

Israelis allocate £4m extra for settlers in occupied territories

From RICHARD BEESTON IN JERUSALEM AND MARTIN FLETCHER IN WASHINGTON

ISRAEL yesterday defied international opposition when it voted additional funding for Israeli settlements in the occupied territories and came a step nearer approving a new Jewish housing project in the heart of Arab east Jerusalem.

The moves sent a clear signal to Washington that the right-wing coalition government of Yitzhak Shamir is unwilling to compromise with President Bush over the issue which Washington considers to be the "main obstacle" to peace in the Middle East, and which has jeopardised Israel's prospects of receiving $10 billion (£5.8 billion) in American loan guarantees over the next five years.

David Levy, the moderate Israeli foreign minister, has ruled out concessions on the settlements and accused the Bush administration of jeopardising the peace process and American-Israeli relations by pressing the issue. However, in an interview published in yesterday's *Washington Post* he appealed for compromise. He suggested that his government "cannot oppose" President Bush's demand that Congress delay considering the loan guarantees until peace talks are underway.

His plea coincided with signs that the Bush administration wants to cool the conflict, though it still wants a delay by Congress. Officials have been putting out feelers to Capitol Hill, seeking to tone down the confrontational language of last week.

In Jerusalem yesterday, during a stormy session of the Knesset's finance committee yesterday, right-wing members of the Israeli government voted through nearly £4 million in extra funding for Jewish settlements in the occupied territories.

Haim Ramon, a Knesset member from the opposition Labour party, said in reference to Jerusalem's deteriorating relations with Washington over the issue: "To invest more money in the settlements is close to insanity on the part of the government." He added: "According to figures from the new budget, the Israeli government is going to invest three billion shekels in housing alone, that is around $1.5 billion. If we add infrastructure and further investment, we are close to $2 billion. This is the exact amount of money that we are asking from the US for guarantees for absorption of *aliya* [new immigration]."

The disclosure of the planned investment figure, which will go towards the construction of an estimated 16,000 new housing units for Jews, will add weight to President Bush's argument that financial assistance for Israel frees government funds for settlement construction.

The municipality of Jerusalem yesterday confirmed that plans were under way for two new Jewish settlements in Arab east Jerusalem, one a temporary caravan park of several hundred units to accommodate Ethiopian Jews, and the other a permanent settlement of 300 units near two Palestinian residential neighbourhoods.

Defending the government position, Michael Eitan, a member of the ruling Likud party on the finance committee, said: "We have our own policy, which is that Jews are allowed to settle everywhere ... in Europe, in the US, and of course they are allowed to settle in their own land, the land of Israel, and no one will dictate prohibition on Jewish settlement here."

However, his statement was not supported by Yitzhak Modai, the finance minister, who appeared to be cracking under American pressure and Washington's implied threat to cease all financial aid until Israel freezes its settlement construction. "I am in favour of building continuing at the pace of 3,000 to 4,000 units per year ... it is not necessary to provoke the Americans," he said. "The rejection of guarantees could harm our ability to obtain funds from abroad. An awful blow like that would be very hard to withstand."

Certainly, the Israeli public appeared to be distancing itself from Mr Shamir's dogged position. An opinion poll by the Smith Research Centre, published yesterday, said that 57 per cent of the 1,100 people questioned would agree to stop expanding settlements in return for Washington's approval of the loan guarantees.

● **Amman:** James Baker, the American Secretary of State, and Hanan Ashrawi, a Palestinian representative, yesterday said that they had made progress during a meeting in the Jordanian capital on arrangements for Palestinian participation in a Middle East peace conference.

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Press guns for vendetta man

By MARTIN FLETCHER

THE cartoon shows a bank manager, George Bush, being confronted by a finger-wagging customer, Yitzhak Shamir. The Israeli prime minister says: "Better change your mind, or I'll take my overdraft elsewhere."

The caricature in *The Washington Times* was one of the week's kinder commentaries on the administration's confrontation with Jerusalem, as Washington's columnists have been in full cry.

For daring to seek a congressional delay on Israel's $10 billion (£5.8 billion) loan guarantees request until Arab-Israeli peace talks have begun, President Bush is cast as a man risking all to pursue a vendetta against a leader who has double-crossed him by continuing to settle the occupied territories. Mr Shamir, on the other hand, is the ultimate ingrate, beggar *and* chooser, deliberately provoking Israel's greatest benefactor even as he seeks to dictate the terms of its astonishing largess.

"What's at stake here is the president's nose," said Richard Cohen, of *The Washington Post*. "It's been out of joint ever since Secretary of State James Baker was three times greeted in Israel by the cacophonous establishment of more West Bank settlements." Every settlement is "a personal challenge ... an expression of contempt for a president who's not that favourably disposed to Israel anyway".

Another *Post* columnist, Charles Krauthammer, accused Mr Bush of using the loan guarantees as a club to force Israel to stop the settlements, even if he wrecked the peace talks in the process. It would take 412 years before the occupied territories' Jewish population matched the Arab one, he added.

In *The New York Times*, A. M. Rosenthal asserted that Mr Bush's blackmailing of Israel to satisfy his own "likes and hatreds" was further proof that people such as the Kurds, the Balts and China's democrats "trust this administration at their own risk".

In the same paper, William Safire fumed that there was "no greater obstacle to peace in the Middle East than George Bush's obsession with forcing Israel out of the West Bank". The guarantees were to help settle up to a million Soviet Jewish emigrés. "Are we, for the first time in history, prepared to use humanitarian aid as a lever to force another democratic government to act against what it sees to be its interests?"

Only Patrick Buchanan, communications director in the Reagan White House, has the verbal panache to challenge the Safires and Rosenthals. "It is time for an airing of grievances, for this marriage [America's with Israel] is in deep trouble," he said in a *Washington Times* diatribe.

Why guarantee the equivalent of $40,000 for every immigrating Jewish family when America's own infrastructure was collapsing? Why help relatively wealthy Israel when all it does is oppress the wretched Palestinians? Israel's settlements policy was not only illegal and unjust but folly. While a Palestinian homeland was "no guarantee of enduring peace, killing that dream is a guarantee of permanent war ... Any peace that leaves millions of Palestinians locked up in a bantustan on the West Bank means eternal enmity."



Sob story: Leona Helmsley, the self-styled hotel queen of New York, wiping away a tear at a press conference as she recounts being convicted of multimillion-dollar tax fraud. Helmsley, who lost an appeal in July against the conviction, demanded a new trial on the ground that the Internal Revenue Service has not completed an audit of her tax returns. Often pausing in mid-sentence to compose herself, she repeatedly protested her innocence at the conference, in her Park Lane hotel. Her lawyer, Alan Dershowitz, declared: "This is Alice in Wonderland justice." *(AP)*

Congress just bounces along

By OUR WASHINGTON CORRESPONDENT

NO WONDER Congress is grappling with a record $348 billion (£202 billion) budget deficit: the 440 members of the House of Representatives appear to have a chronic inability to keep even their personal finances in order, let alone the nation's.

In the first six months of 1990, it was revealed yesterday, the representatives wrote no fewer than 4,325 bad cheques, making an average of almost ten each. The cheques were cashed at the House bank, a financial institution run solely for their benefit. Unlike commercial banks, it levies no penalties on defaulters, so it is hardly surprising that the politicians abuse it *despite their annual salaries of* $125,100.

Of the 4,325 bounced cheques, 581, written by 134 members, were for sums of $1,000 or more and a few were for amounts in excess of $10,000. On average the representatives took a week to redeem their dishonoured cheques, and some took more than a month.

Yesterday's report is not the first time this abuse has been exposed. A General Accounting Office study published at the beginning of 1990 disclosed that the House bank had cashed $232,000 in bad cheques during the previous year, including one for $10,000 from Jack Russ, the sergeant-at-arms. Mr Russ quickly announced the introduction of new controls on the cashing of cheques, including the suspension of the accounts of regular defaulters.

These reforms appear to have had negligible effect. The number of bad cheques in fact increased from 4,006 in the half-year before their introduction, yet not a single member's account has yet been suspended.

Like their British counterparts, American congressmen are not usually slow in condemning the misconduct of others. Yesterday on Capitol Hill, perhaps unsurprisingly, the latest report was met with studied silence.

HYDERABAD NOTEBOOK
by Christopher Thomas

Nizam decides his profit is in counting sheep

Prince Mukarram Jha Bahadur, the grandson of the seventh Nizam of Hyderabad, has returned to his sheep farm in Western Australia after a short stay in his ancestral home town. He has left behind 133 would-be heirs claiming a share of the diamonds, emeralds, rubies, sapphires, pearls and fabulous gold artefacts that made his grandfather one of the world's richest men.

Putting an agreed value on the collection has taken 30 years. This has been a crucial exercise for the prince, the current holder of the now honorary title of nizam, who faces substantial Indian government demands for wealth tax, estate duty and income tax. The Nizam Jewellery Trust and the government have agreed on a figure of 2,250 million rupees (£51 million).

Various government ministries have been studying how they can raise money to buy the most important pieces for the nation. The Archeological Survey of India wants the government to buy at least 34 from the trove of 173 items held in the vaults of the Hong Kong and Shanghai Bank in Bombay.

The prince's brother and sister inherited extensive lands, palaces and business enterprises, including a sugar factory and a tobacco company. Aside from the demands of the central government, the state government of Andhra Pradesh has made claims on the nizam, saying he owes substantial sums in various duties and that some palaces are likely to be acquired as payment.

The Falaknuma palace has already been taken over. Some of the nizam's other palaces in Hyderabad (there are six in all) are crumbling through neglect. The spectacular Chow Mahalia palace in the old part of the city is in particularly bad shape after developers illegally tore down the banqueting hall last year.

The collection includes the Jacob diamond of 185 carats. Hyderabad has been famous for diamonds since the 17th century. The Koh-i-noor (787 carats) was found along the banks of the Krishna river just outside the city in 1656. By the time it ended up in British hands and, ultimately, in what is now Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother's crown, it weighed 106 carats.

Deep beneath the black waters of Hussain Sagar lake in central Hyderabad lies the world's largest Buddha, a symbol of massive waste amid great poverty. A large platform where it was to have stood, and an iron raft that was to have carried it there, remain as rusting reminders of political excess.

Eighteen months ago the 35-ton monolith, carved out of a mountainside, slipped off the raft soon after leaving the shoreline, killing eight people as it plunged into the water. The cost of the futile exercise was so enormous that it left the Andhra Pradesh government virtually bankrupt. The project was the brain-child of the former chief minister, a faded and ageing film star called N.T. Rama Rao, who has spent his life playing gods. Voters later threw him out.

Hyderabad is in the throes of its huge annual festival for Ganesh, the jolly elephant-headed god who is by far the most popular in the Hindu pantheon. This means more bad news for Hussain Sagar lake, already black with pollution. Piles of brightly painted Ganesh idols are on sale at every marketplace, all of them destined to be floated on the lake's waters according to tradition. Chemicals from the paint poison the water every year. So enormous is the festival that last year seven cranes were needed to lower tens of thousands



of Ganesh idols into the lake. The protests of environmentalists are inaudible amid the noise of fervour.

Dalits (untouchables) in the Andhra Pradesh village of Chundur are refusing to accept compensation for the killing of eight of their number last month after one of them touched a Brahmin with his foot. The Dalits say the guilty must first be punished. The state government has offered 10,000 rupees (about a year's wages) and an acre of land for every victim's family. The rebellious outcastes have driven the high-caste Reddys from the village in an unprecedented act of defiance that has left upper castes wondering what the world is coming to.

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Maputo and Pretoria plan giant game park

What would become Africa's largest conservation area depends only on an end to fighting in Mozambique, Sam Kiley writes from Johannesburg

SOUTH African and Mozambiquan government officials will on Tuesday begin talks on establishing a cross-border conservation park that eventually would link natural resource areas in the two countries with others in Swaziland and Zimbabwe.

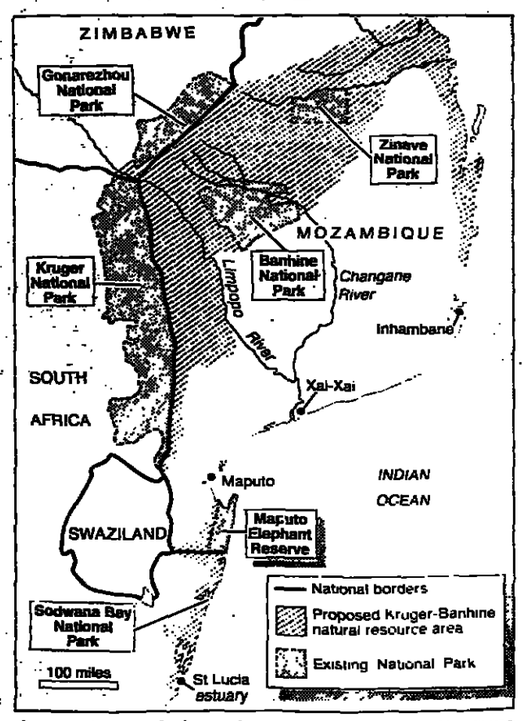
The proposal, which has been drawn up by a team from Pretoria university with backing from the World Wide Fund for Nature, is to merge the Kruger national park in South Africa with a large area of southern Mozambique to form a conservation area covering 44,400 square miles. The park would be the largest in Africa, but the plan depends on the success of peace talks between Mozambique and the Renamo guerrilla organisation which are currently making almost no progress in Rome.

"This is the biggest and most exciting ecological project in the world today and it has long been an ideal of President Chissano [of Mozambique]. The idea is to redevelop the region which has been devastated by war and integrate all the local people into the conservation process," said Professor Willem van Riet, head of the team which developed the two-phase proposals at the request of the Mozambique directorate of forestry.

"We want to get the system set up so that, as soon as the two sides agree to stop fighting, we can get on with the job and set up a self-sustaining system of agriculture and conservation before the big industries and commercial farms arrive. They do nothing for the people while they destroy the ecosystem," he added.

Much of rural Mozambique has been heavily depopulated by nearly two decades of war between Renamo, allegedly formerly backed by South Africa, and Maputo government forces. But a fringe effect of the war, apart from elephant and rhino poaching, is that exhausted land has had a chance to recover. Regular fires have prevented bush encroachment and depopulation has ended over-grazing, Professor van Riet said.

The Kruger-Banhine natural resource area would merge the Kruger with a new park over the border as well as land between the new area and the existing Banhine park in south central Mozambique. The park would spread north beyond the Zinave park on the southern banks of the Save river, south to parks in northern Natal as far as the St Lucia estuary and along the Swazi border with Mozambique. If the Zimbabwean government agreed, the Gonarezhou park in the south of the country would also be included.



Although national parks would be strict preserves for game, the resource areas would enjoy a wider brief allowing agriculture, hunting and tourism. In line with a system pioneered in Zimbabwe's Zambesi valley, rural communities would be included in the conservation process and would reap most of the rewards from tourist activities like hunting. The policy has already drastically reduced the rate of poaching and cattle grazing along the Zambesi river.

National parks and conservation areas straddling borders are not new. Tanzania's Serengeti national park crosses the Kenyan border and becomes the Masai Mara. But the plan for Mozambique is, its supporters say, a special opportunity to redevelop the country along ecological lines. After the years of war, much of Mozambique presents planners with a blank canvas for development and repopulation as people have been concentrated in cities like Maputo or have fled across the borders into South Africa, Zimbabwe and Malawi.

The plan, which has the added advantage that game, including elephants culled from the Kruger park, would be able to drift into Mozambique and breed, has been well received in principle by the World Bank. The shift from South Africa's destabilisation of its neighbours to rapprochement may be backed with a $12 million (£7 million) pump-priming loan to Mozambique.

John Hanks, head of the South African Nature Foundation which paid for the Pretoria study, said he hoped that the reconstruction plan would be agreed at the highest level by all the governments involved, and that fighting would be quickly ended so that the park could be set up.



Making music: tenors Luciano Pavarotti and Placido Domingo break from New York Metropolitan Opera House rehearsals for their first joint US appearance

Navratilova settlement offer 'includes house'

From JAMES BONE IN NEW YORK

MARTINA Navratilova has offered Judy Nelson, her former lesbian lover, one of her three houses in Aspen, Colorado, as part of an out-of-court settlement. Ms Nelson told a newspaper in her native Fort Worth, Texas, that the nine-times Wimbledon champion was willing to give her the house and cash with a combined value of slightly more than $1 million (£578,000).

But Ms Nelson, who lived with Ms Navratilova for six years after divorcing her husband, said there were still two obstacles to be overcome before she would agree to drop her palimony suit. Ms Navratilova wants her to sign a confidentiality pact, which would prevent her from publicly telling the story of their relationship. The tennis star is also demanding that Ms Nelson publicly recognise the invalidity of a non-marital cohabitation agreement the two signed and videotaped in 1986, on which her claim is based. Ms Nelson is unwilling to accept either condition.

Ms Nelson did not say which Aspen house she would get, but disclosed it would not be the home where she now lives, nor the 100-acre ranch.

Emperor on mission to heal

By DAVID WATTS, DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

EMPEROR Akihito next week becomes the first Japanese monarch to visit South-East Asia, in an attempt to erase the memory of second world war militarism.

It will be the most far-reaching effort yet by Japan for reconciliation with a region that still feels estranged from it, partly because of the war but also because Japan is in Asia but not of it. The emperor will visit Thailand, Malaysia and Indonesia, all recipients of Japanese investment who have trading relationships which they tend to see as rather one-sided.

The mission is a sensitive one for the emperor. As a symbolic head of state, it is not his place to make the heartfelt apology for Japan's wartime role that he seems to feel is necessary. That must come from the government and has done, but without satisfying many in the region.

Akihito, in a rare press conference, said he hoped to visit China and South Korea, where the occupation is most bitterly resented. "I should be happy if the present attitude of a Japan aspiring for peace ... would be understood and relations of mutual trust deepened," he said, in the oblique style that is incumbent upon members of the royal family.



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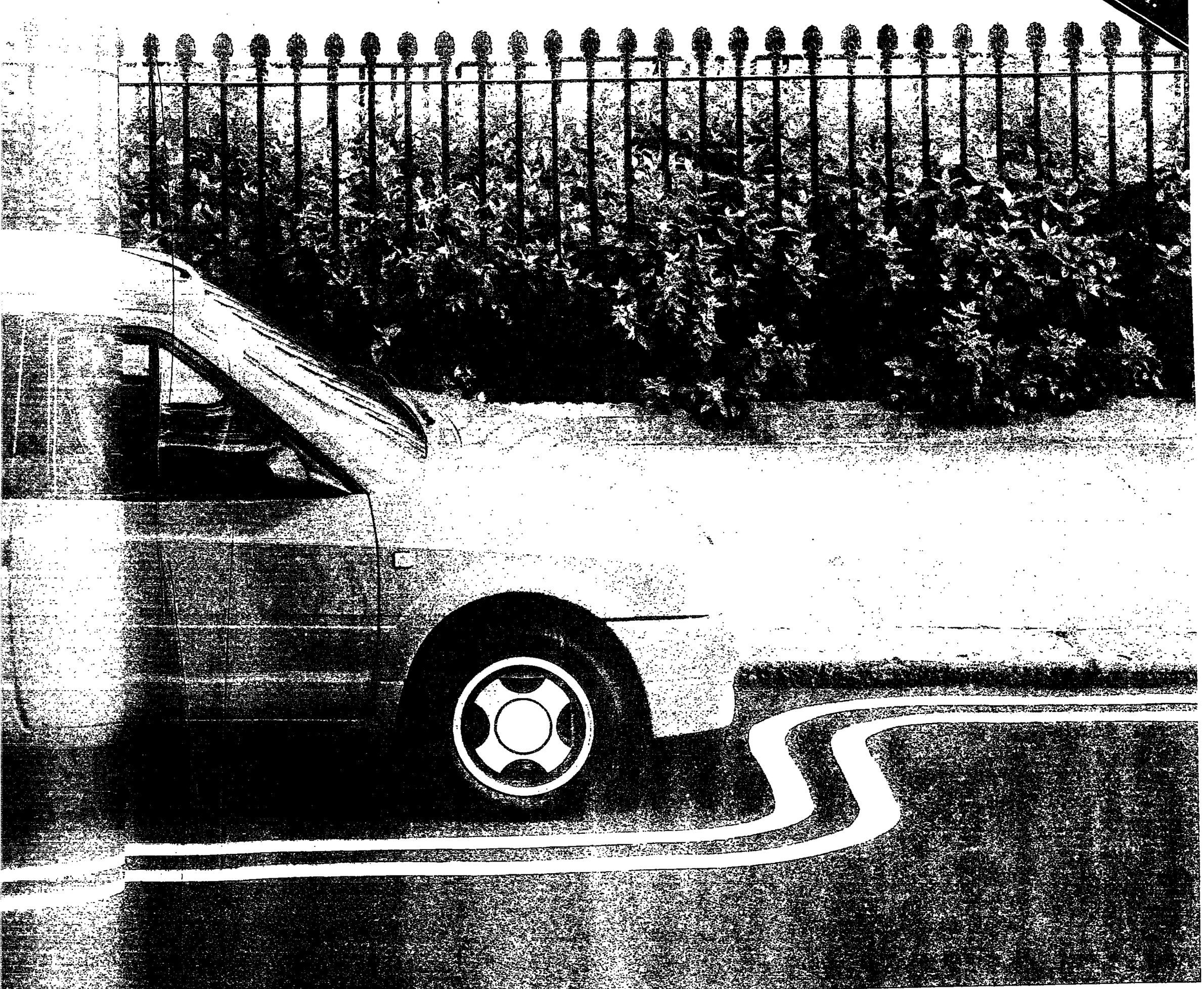
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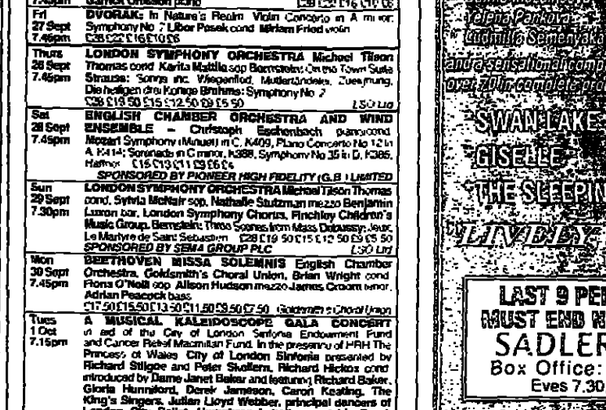
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Lynne Truss on this week's television, when she laughed despite herself at Rik Mayall's surprisingly funny misfit

Survival begins at the bottom

Having once had the pleasure of visiting the Farne Islands of Northumbria, where in early summer puffins and other sea-birds gather to nest (and scream) in astounding multitudes, I confess I got jolly excited watching last Sunday's Safari UK (BBC 1). Here we were in the bustling, cacophonous, all-muck-and-feathers Farne Islands; and here, on a guano-crested rock, stood Julian Pettifer in wellies and padded jacket — while gulls, shags and arctic terns wheeled artistically overhead.

To the casual viewer, there was nothing remarkable in this. It was *just Safari UK*. But to anyone who has ever visited the Farne Islands — and who has ever wished a moment's harm on Julian Pettifer — it was dynamite. "He's not wearing a hat!" I yelled, rubbing my hands with glee. "Ha ha ha."

You see, the thing about the birds on the Farne Islands *is* that *they* dive-bomb your head. The National Trust booklet advises the wearing of headgear, but does not explain its reasons: unwary travellers assume that the warning is a droll reference to bird droppings. But the moment you start to climb the steep path from the jetty, arctic terns rise into the air and hover in front of you, flapping menacingly at eye-level, with a "Who's *this* joker?" expression, before attacking the crown of your head with adamantine beaks.

> *'I bought you a Coca-Cola in good faith,' shouts Richie at a recalcitrant lesbian in a pub*

Attempts to placate these beady-eyed avengers through gestures, smiles and "Surely we *can* discuss this first?" are a waste of time. In fact, these birds seem to take a special pleasure in singling out conflict-evaders.

So what ghastly fate befell Julian Pettifer? *Safari UK*, which is generally rather good Sunday-teatime fare, let itself down rather badly here. True, it showed a party of school children running stooped under bombardment, but if nature-reporting entails having your skull drilled by seagulls, then surely the public should be told — Julian Pettifer or no Julian Pettifer. In the *meantime, however, we can only* hope that footage of the true violent story of blood, beak and harnet nevertheless exists ("And so here on this tiny shard of rock — Hello, what's this? Help! Get this thing *off* me!"), and has been smuggled out for future use on *It'll Be All Right On the Night*.

Talking of sudden blows to the head, this week saw the first episode of **Bottom** (BBC 2), the new Rik Mayall and Adrian Edmondson half-hour slot, a series which promises to score high points on instant brawls and smacks on the kisser but was nevertheless surprisingly funny.

Reminiscent, in a rather vivid way, of the *Hancock's Half-Hour* called "The Ladies' Man", this first story focused on the luckless attempts of the ugly flat-sharing misfits Richie and Eddie to pick up "birds".

"There's loads and loads of ugly birds in the world," reflects Eddie: "One of them is bound to fancy you sooner or later." The delivery was completely different, of course, but this was a Sid James line, if ever I heard one. "I bought you a Coca-Cola in good faith," shouts Richie at a recalcitrant lesbian in a pub, demanding his money back. You may recall that Tony Hancock, in a similar situation, grumpily berated an unco-operative factory-girl: "*You've had a dance, a fish supper*, and a ride home. What more do you want?"

How old was Edmondson supposed to be? In his coat, hat and sportscaster hornrims, he resembled a half-wit pensioner (or possibly a delegate to a Hancock Fan Club convention). But, despite this overt change in Edmondson, neither Richie nor Eddie, of course, had travelled a million miles from their previous loathesome Rik-and-Ade personae in *The Young Ones*. They had called the show *Bottom*, hadn't they? Richie, then, was a vain, small-minded, cowardly, unattractive, desperately unloved fantasist; while Eddie, by contrast, was a staggering, puking, fist-throwing, unattractive, desperately unloved pragmatist. No surprises there.

Similarly, there were plenty of unignorable clues to reassure us of the predictably paltry quality of male-only existence in the *Bottom* household. The repulsive practice of eating lard, for example; the removal of nasal hair with pliers, and the pelvic wriggling induced by underpants stuck on with glue. No viewer, *incidentally, would be tempted to* try any of this at home.

"What happened to that packet of rubber johnnies we used to have?" asks Richie, before setting out to the pub on a doomed bird-hunting expedition. "We stuck them on our heads, remember, when Norman came round with that sherry." "Great days, they were. Great days."

Considering, then, that most viewers will have switched on *Bottom* expecting precisely what they got, the show fared extremely well — perhaps because, if you compare it with old editions of *The Young Ones*, the most evident advance is not in the humour but in the quality of the performances. If, as the dialogue leads you to suspect, Mayall and Edmondson really have been studying old *Hancock's Half-Hour* tapes ("This is it. Our crumpet-free days are over"), their diligence *may have paid off in other* ways, too.

But whatever the reason, having personally always resisted the minuscule comic appeal of Edmondson, I was surprised by how much I liked him in *Bottom*. His line about eating the lard — "I'm hungry, *but I'm too drunk to cook*" — was delivered so brilliantly that I laughed for ages.

What else? This was a fairly good week for factual programmes, particularly Gillian Greenwood's raspberry-blowing South Bank Show about *Private Eye* (LWT), and Michael Grigsby's slow, filmic Inside Story (BBC 1) about "Amerasian" Vietnamese youths searching for their fathers in the United States. Lawyers (Channel 4) got off to a promising start — the case involving the woman drowned in a Jacuzzi (did the husband do it?) being used as a cliffhanger to hook us back next week. And LBJ (BBC 2 — on Sunday and Thursday), a four-part American-made revisionist portrait of "Landslide Lyndon", has proved unmissable.

As *The Times*'s television previewer, Peter Waymark, pointed out on Thursday, one of the great qualities of American documentaries such as *LBJ* (or the magnificent *The Civil War*, shown earlier in the year) is that they are unafraid of showing black and white photo*graphic stills*.

Moreover, they use such images simply, leaving them on screen for a longish period, and refraining from senseless hyperactive camerawork. Unfortunately, such restraint is rarely exhibited by the British documentary-maker — even when the subject is photography itself.

There is a prevalent belief, apparently, that in order to place a still image on a television screen, you must liven it up. So pictures are sent to a "rostrum camera" expert (very often the legendary Ken Morse, whose name appears in the credits of nearly everything on television), with instructions to start with a close-up of somebody's nose, and then pull back slowly to reveal the surrounding composition — or to start with the full image, and zoom in on a little pile of sand in the foreground. The sequences are then strung together alternately, so that viewers are drawn in and out, in and out, until they feel inexplicably seasick and are obliged to lie down.

I don't know how these buffoons can be persuaded to stop; the practice seems to have taken too firm a grip. But how strange it must be *to regard all pictures in this* tunnelly light. No doubt you can pick out the main culprits as they amble anonymously through art galleries. Look around, and you will see them. They are the ones whose eyeballs telescope back and forth incessantly, alternately withdrawing deep into their skulls and then sticking out proud on stalks, like a snail's.



Mayall jokes: the most evident advance is not in the humour but in the quality of the performances

No quiet place for repentance

CONCERT

LSO/Tilson Thomas
Barbican Hall

RIDING high, the London Symphony Orchestra opened its season with two world premieres, though admittedly the first was not altogether new, being a suite from Bernstein's opera *A Quiet Place* put together by four of his musical colleagues. If that suggested dangers of a committee report, doubts were swept aside not so much by the music as by the swaggering, jubilant and hearts-on-sleeves playing.

One number salvaged from an earlier opera sounded touchingly irretrievable from the standpoint of the later Bernstein, in a world where Mahler, Broadway, Berio and his own younger self are all rushing about. This distance from the past is part of the point of the opera, but in other respects the music seemed unfocussed without dramatic cues, though Michael Tilson Thomas and his players — especially the gutsy brass — made the most of it.

The pairing of Bernstein with John Tavener looked on paper like the purest contrast of matter with soul, but Tavener's new *Dance Lament of the Repentant Thief* turned out to be unusually earthly, even earthy. Discounting possible objections that crucifixion is not the best posture *from which to trip the light* fantastic, Tavener projects the penitent thief through a couple of fiercely energetic Greek peasant dances, interleaved with slow, bass-register passages conveying contemplation and even hope rather than the lament of the title. The Greek tone is also admixed with something Russian, in the echoes of chant and in the thief's striking and suggestive intermittent kinship with Stravinsky's Petrushka.

Throughout the 20-minute piece the lead is taken by a clarinet, with support, encouragement and haloes from an orchestra of strings, timpani, gongs and handbells. The dances are strenuously virtuoso for the soloist, often in a piercing high register, while the interludes demand unceasing control of tone and balance: in both respects Andrew Marriner's performance was quite outstanding.

PAUL GRIFFITHS

THEATRE

At Our Table
Cottesloe

IMAGINE for a moment that some ingenious dramatist has decided to write a two-hour play about the Vietnam war that will avoid naming Vietnam, the United States, communism, the Viet Cong, Ho Chi Minh, LBJ or Saigon.

Turn now from the hypothetical to consider Daniel Mornin's play. In a clinically elegant interior a woman is arranging lilies in a vase. Her knee-length navy skirt and the particular jazziness of her husband's tie suggest the 1940s, and five or six minutes into the dialogue comes news of incendiary raids upon a nearby city. England? Germany? Eventually there is talk of days of poverty when the husband survived on turnip soup. Germany.

But nobody names anyone like Hitler. The husband does have a name, Richard, and a career, scientist, and Nicholas Woodeson plays him with measured care. A powerful friend who comes to visit also *has a name, Walter, but a* career that only at last can be surmised. Stephen Boxer portrays him like an English left-wing poet, which of course he very much isn't: drunk, boorish and apparently fond of young girls.

Exactly how young is unspecified but Richard has a sweet little daughter who comes tripping down the stairs. The programme quotes Auden on the ordinariness of evil, which holds out the possibility that Walter will rape the little girl. Or perhaps he will rape Richard's wife, Anna, whose lines are delivered by Cathryn Harrison with unappealing harshness.

Nothing so spectacular ripples the bizarrely unspecific conversation, or halts the constant repetition of a previous speaker's words. "He's in the garden." "The garden?" "Looking at the stars." "The stars?" Jenny Killick directs in the manner that Peter Hall once directed Pinter: slowly. Slowly? With pauses. Pauses? And long walks to the exit.

JEREMY KINGSTON

Home has moved on, and on

Heimat, the unlikely "soap" success of the Eighties, is to have a vast sequel

WHO could have predicted that a saga of family life in an obscure German village between 1918 and the 1960s would become the runaway hit of European television in the mid-Eighties? Yet even in Britain, BBC viewers followed the numerous, sub-titled episodes of *Heimat* with the same fascination as they might watch *Coronation Street*.

The creator of the original *Heimat*, Edgar Reitz, has devoted the succeeding seven years to making a sequel, *Die Zweite Heimat*. It is advertised as the longest feature film in history, running 26 hours. The producers propose that it can be alternatively screened as a four-day show in cinemas, as a 26- or 13-part series on television, or viewed on video as a "film novel".

The title signifies more than simply *Heimat* Part II. The theme is that as people have drifted from the traditional country life to the cities, they have created new protective communities, or a second "heimat".

The story takes up where the original *Heimat* ended.



German village saga: a scene from the first series of Heimat

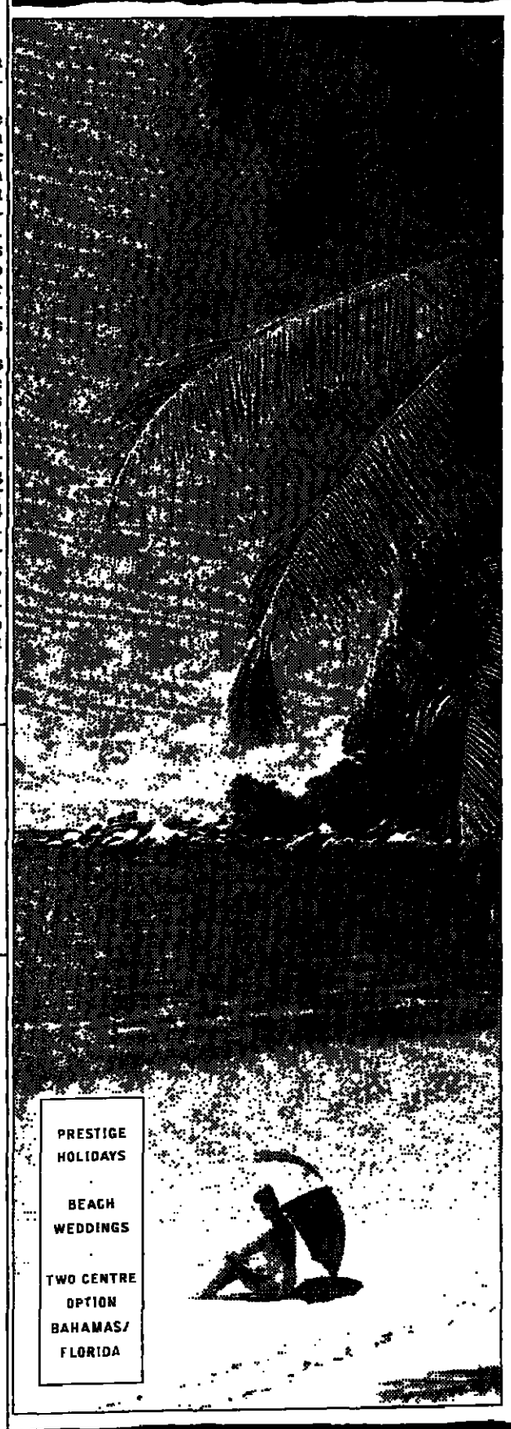
Hermann Simon, the latest of the dynasty whose several generations figured in the saga, has gone to Munich vowing never to return to his village. He works to become a composer, forming new relationships and settling into the artistic milieux of Schwabing.

Reitz says that Hermann is in part a self-portrait. "The fact that he is involved with music instead of film was originally intended as a metaphor. Later it became important to me because in terms of its historical dimensions, music has a greater significance than film and a wider international background."

The new film takes place entirely in the Sixties, a much narrower time span than the original *Heimat*. Reitz sees in the hopes and revolt of that *period the seeds and dis*appointments of the present. In the words of one of his collaborators, "the desire to turn social conditions upside down has given way to standing on one's head because it is less objectionable."

The urban setting gives Reitz a bigger canvas: the publicity for the film boasts that there are 71 main actors, 310 supporting actors and 2,300 extras. The film involved 552 days of shooting and cost the sizeable sum, for a European production, of £14 million. Investing partners include several German television organisations, Spanish, Swedish, Finnish, Danish, Norwegian and Austrian television and the BBC. No British screening is as yet scheduled.

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Clifford Longley

Sex is not a safe subject for the Pope, but he is due to pronounce again

The Church of England could do with some distraction from its apparently never-ending internal troubles. That was no doubt why the Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr George Carey, made to widen the agenda on Thursday night with his Chester speech on inner-city riots and church schools.

But a much bigger ecclesiastical distraction may be just ahead. The Pope is almost ready to publish an encyclical letter on moral issues of the day – meaning, largely, sex. Some suggest it could be "the most conservative church document this century"; even that he is about to proclaim the Roman Catholic Church's official teaching against contraception to be a formal and infallible dogma. Then the Church of England, on the edge of schism or not, could really count its blessings.

Pope John Paul II is certainly a conservative moralist. His most severe condemnation of birth control was to liken its use to adultery, a comparison which was mitigated by the context of his complex argument, then demitigated by the way it was widely reported without the context. He apparently did not mean it literally, or at least he has not yet said it again. Perhaps he is about to.



Mgr Carlo Caffarra: death due to Aids is better than condoms

One of his chief advisers in his present project is a Monsignor Carlo Caffarra, head of the John Paul II Institute for Marriage and Family Studies in Rome. He is a senior consultant to the Vatican's senior department, the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, which monitors irregularities in the priesthood and occasionally pronounces – invariably conservatively – on ethical issues, including sex.

Mgr Caffarra's most famous contribution to sexual ethics was to advise Roman Catholic couples that if one of them had Aids, and they could not abstain from sexual intercourse, it was still not permitted to use a condom as protection. He said they should prefer to safeguard their spiritual lives rather than their physical ones.

The church's present position on birth control was refined by Pope Paul VI in 1968, in his encyclical *Humanae Vitae*. It came just three years after the end of the Second Vatican Council, which called for an opening up of the church, in place of the previous mentality of a besieged fortress. The encyclical forced the church to come to terms with dissent in its own ranks, which led, after some turbulence, to a new kind of Catholic maturity. For the first time in the modern era a "good Catholic" – even a good Catholic bishop or cardinal – did not feel obliged to agree with the Pope on every point of doctrine.

Vatican II's new teaching on respect for personal conscience, in place of the old notion that "error has no rights", had saved the day. But *Humanae Vitae*, and the widespread objection to its central teaching, throughout the church, undoubtedly cost the church members, damaged ecumenical prospects, and accelerated the decline in the practice of private confession.

It also undermined the respect in which official Catholic teaching was held in the whole area of sexual ethics, harming especially the credibility of the Catholic stand against abortion. And it hampered the development of new insights into sexual morality, which are long overdue. Moral theologians, except those who saw their duty as the exposition of the official line, have withdrawn to safer subjects.

That left the field clear for the Carlo Caffarras of the church to monopolise discussion of sex at official levels. Little more has been heard of the penetrating theological demolition of the traditional teaching that had been done by Pope Paul's own commission on birth control before 1968, and which had very nearly won the day. (It lost for reasons to do with maintaining papal authority rather than the ethics of contraception itself). Subsequently, the Vatican developed an unpleasant tendency to deal with its internal critics not by answering them but by censoring their writings and removing them from their posts.

On the other hand, something called "pastoral theology" has been developed to fill the gap, much less concerned with formal doctrine than with actual people in real life. In practice, pastoral theology is liberal on sexual ethics. Under the heading of pastoral theology, priests found it possible to cope with contraception – later with divorce and homosexuality, and later still with "living together" before or without marriage – by applying the simple and commonsense principle of starting where people are, rather than from where they ought to be.

Pope John Paul II knows, or has been warned, that there are grounds for doubting whether the church's teaching on contraception is capable of being defined "infallibly", as the doctrine of papal infallibility applies only to revelation and not to natural law.

He knows that the Catholic church is divided on contraception, with most of the laity and most priests in varying degrees of rebellion. Above all, he knows that the church has not found an argument to support its teaching which really works – his analogy with adultery was an ingenious and novel attempt to construct such a case based on the authenticity of sexual body language.

Knowing all that, he is almost bound to have one more go. If he cannot succeed by winning the argument, he will be tempted to do so by imposition of authority. The only way the Catholic church is ever likely to modify its position on contraception is after everything has been tried and failed.

The process may look like an authoritarian monologue and in many respects it is, but at heart it is also a dialogue. If, in spite of all the pressure to assent, the church at large still resists, then even a pope has to accept that as a sign from heaven. But first the row, and its incalculable consequences.

Politics? Let's talk cricket

John Major, cricket fan and prime minister, shares his passion with Alan Lee, on the Lord's balcony

During one summer of cricket in the late 1950s, the young John Major decided that the Peter May cover-drive, an object of beauty to him, should be subjected to a scientific test. He resolved to time the ball from the moment of leaving May's bat until it crossed the boundary rope, behind which he was stationed.

"To do this," the prime minister says, "I took along an old gold stopwatch, which had been handed down to me from my grandfather. The shot I was timing took precious few seconds, I can tell you, but in the excitement, the watch slipped out of my hands and broke. I had some trouble explaining that when I went home."

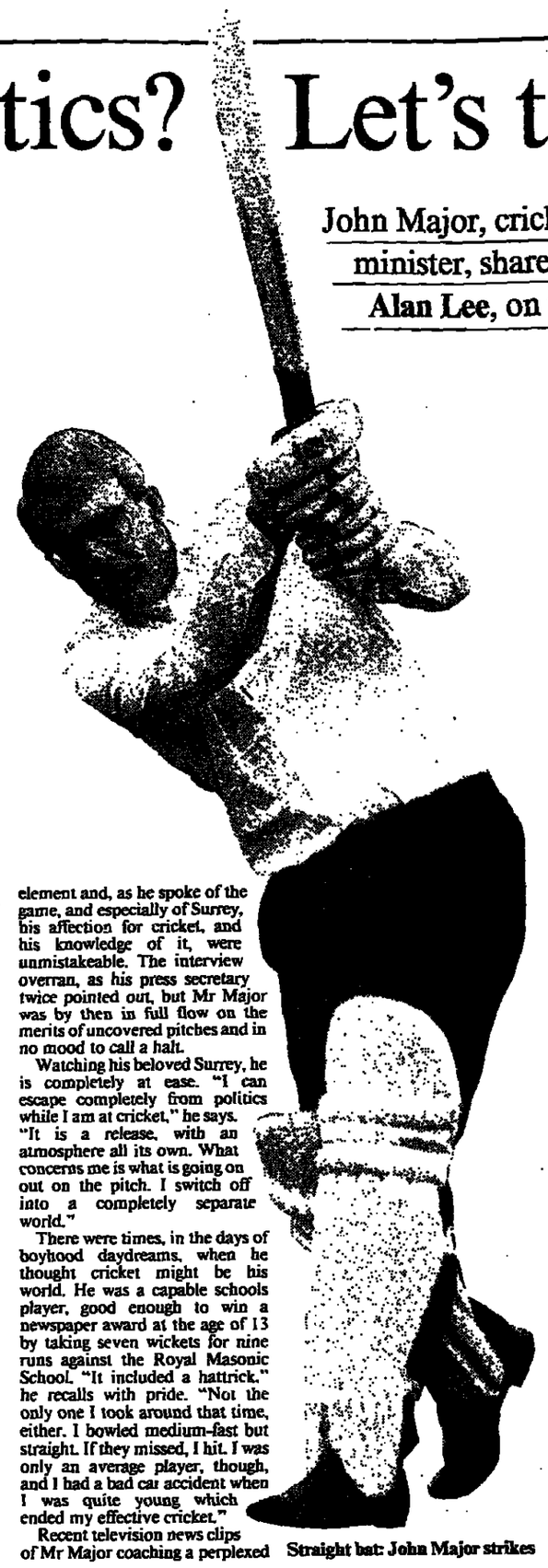
How many people, aside from those whose job it is to be there, have been present at five of this summer's six Test matches ? The number will, inevitably, be small but it includes at least one man whose passion for cricket has to survive a certain amount of competition for his time.

To his lasting regret, John Major was unable to attend England's emotional victory over the West Indies at the Oval a month ago. A family holiday had to take precedence. This apart, however, the prime minister has been England's mascot this season. Anyone who suggests his presence has been on sufferance, or through sense of duty, knows nothing of the priorities in the prime minister's life.

The prime minister explains: "I programmed what leisure time I thought I would have and packaged it to watch some cricket. I have seen enough to know it has been a marvellous season for the game ... and, of course, when I cannot attend, I turn to the cricket scores in the newspaper very early in the day."

When the prime minister agreed to be interviewed about cricket it was his choice that it should take place somewhere he could simultaneously watch a game. Which is why, last week, we spent part of an afternoon on the Middlesex balcony during their match with Mr Major's own county, Surrey, and why a faithful transcription of his answers would contain many unrelated interjections, such as "good shot", "what a fine catch" and, in a disapproving mutter, "scruffy fielding".

He had flown from Scotland earlier in the day and another flight to Paris awaited him. Lord's was a brief haven within his hectic schedule and he was transparently enjoying it. The smile may be familiar but it was not forced. It was the smile of a man in his element and, as he spoke of the game, and especially of Surrey, his affection for cricket, and his knowledge of it, were unmistakeable. The interview overran, as his press secretary twice pointed out, but Mr Major was by then in full flow on the merits of uncovered pitches and in no mood to call a halt.



Straight bat: John Major strikes

Watching his beloved Surrey, he is completely at ease. "I can escape completely from politics while I am at cricket," he says. "It is a release, with an atmosphere all its own. What concerns me is what is going on out on the pitch. I switch off into a completely separate world."

There were times, in the days of boyhood daydreams, when he thought cricket might be his world. He was a capable schools player, good enough to win a newspaper award at the age of 13 by taking seven wickets for nine runs against the Royal Masonic School. "It included a hattrick," he recalls with pride. "Not the only one I took around that time, either. I bowled medium-fast but straight. If they missed, I hit. I was only an average player, though, and I had a bad car accident when I was quite young which ended my effective cricket."

Recent television news clips of Mr Major coaching a perplexed President Bush in the art of batting might indicate a desire to don whites again but the prime minister is content, these days, to watch. He is a regular visitor to the Oval, where he is president of Surrey's youth appeal. The ground is familiar territory to him; he first spent a day there at the age of nine.

"I can date it exactly because Stuart Surridge had just taken on the Surrey captaincy," he says. This makes it 1952 and Mr Major was such a convert that he was seldom away from the place during the years that followed.

He says: "Surrey had a wonderful seven-year run, winning the championship every season with the best county team anyone ever has had or, probably, will have. I lived within a mile and a half of The Oval and used to walk to the ground. I spent most of my summer holidays there, watching either the first or second eleven.

Mr Major does not admit to heroes, "because that gets things out of perspective". But Peter May was a man he loved watching more than most. In 1957, while May and Colin Cowdrey shared a record, unbroken stand of 411 against the West Indies at Birmingham, one Surrey schoolboy, who was later to have difficulty remembering the number of O-levels he had passed, was not giving undivided attention to his work. "I had a radio with me and I switched on every playtime to make sure they were still batting."

He cheerfully admits to a Surrey bias but had to miss the club's NatWest Trophy final at Lord's earlier this month. He was spending the weekend at Balmoral, with the Queen. "The television was on until mid-afternoon," he confirms. "I then arranged to be told the result as soon as it was over."

On the August day when the Queen came to his patch, that is the Oval, Mr Major saw Surrey beat Essex, and fellow Rutlish boy, James Boiling, "took an absolutely magical catch". With this in mind, he reminisces about the Surrey close-catching in the 1950s, particularly that of current England manager Micky Stewart.

"The game is undergoing a renaissance," he declares. "One may look at the poor crowds attending county cricket and wonder if that can be true, but in terms of enthusiasm and interest it most certainly is true. When England do well in any sport you get a resurgence; the England cricket team is doing well and the effects are evident.

"A short while ago I opened a new pavilion for a village team within my constituency. There were a lot of youngsters hanging around in whites and, if the truth is told, they were not a bit interested in the opening, they just wanted to get on with their game. They felt exactly as I did when I was their age, and if youngsters feel that way about cricket, the game is going to survive."

Mr Major admits, however, to being worried about the serious decline of cricket in state schools, a fact highlighted by a report from the Lord's Taverners, published last week. "I am concerned, very concerned, and I wish I could understand it. I realise that, from the point of view of schoolteachers, football and rugby can be dealt with pretty quickly whereas cricket requires hours of commitment. But it is a situation I want to see corrected.

"I hope we can encourage schools to take cricket a good deal more seriously. It would be good for the schools and for the pupils, because cricket may be a time-consuming game but it is also character-building. You only have to spend time among people who have played the game, at whatever level, and there is a special cameraderie.

"I know we have been through a period when there has been some bad behaviour on the pitch but this year's West Indies Test series was played in a marvellous spirit. The acknowledgement of good performances by the other side was immediately apparent. That is not only refreshing but very important, in the way that youngsters perceive the game."

Mr Major is much in favour of four-day championship cricket and of uncovered pitches, although aware that both are controversial. He believes Waqar Younis to be the most exciting bowler he has seen and that Graeme Hick's time will come "if only he learns not to move across his wicket...". He is looking forward to South Africa's Test match return and, further ahead, he has an abiding mission.

"When I retire, one of my ambitions is to follow England all around Australia or the West Indies," he says. "*I would dearly love to see a full tour.*" But what of this winter and the World Cup in Australasia? "It might be difficult," he smiles, "*but I'm working on it.*"

Prime ministerial support on and off the field

LONG before Mrs Thatcher developed a taste for cricketing metaphors – which it has to be said, she never properly understood – prime ministers and the national game have enjoyed a close association.

By far the most distinguished cricketing prime minister was one whose tenure of office was among the shortest and least memorable – Lord Home of the Hirsel, the only British prime minister ever to have played the game at first class level. He took a dozen wickets and scored 147 runs, with a top score of37 not out, in a first-class career of ten matches for Oxford University and Middlesex in the 1920s. His interest remained intense throughout his long political career and two years after losing the 1964 election to Harold Wilson he became MCC president.

But Labour, too, has had its fanatical cricketing prime ministers. Clement Attlee expected his civil servants to show at least as much knowledge of Wisden as they possessed of Labour's election manifesto. After the 1945 election, he had a news agency wire installed in Downing Street to keep up-to-date with the exploits of Denis Compton and Alec Bedser. Indeed, Attlee seemed almost unaware of the wire's other vital news gathering functions, referring to it simply as "the cricket machine".



First class fans: Home and Attlee

Even Ramsay MacDonald, whose proletarian Scottish background perhaps made him an unlikely cricket fan, helped to set up a club in Lossiemouth.

Most Tory prime ministers, of course, learnt the game not as John Major did, in the shadow of the gasometers at the Oval, but on the playing fields of Britain's finest public schools. Although Harold Macmillan was not a noted cricketer, he was known to be immensely proud of his grandson, Mark Faber, a schoolboy prodigy at Eton who went on to play for Sussex in the 1970s.

Edward Heath has been a lifelong member of the Kent county club, and entertained Colin Cowdrey's 1970 championship winning side to a reception at Westminster – a golden year for Heath, as he also beat Harold Wilson in the general election of that summer.

Wilson was always more of a rugby league man, but, as a professional Yorkshireman, he revelled in the exploits of Freddie Trueman, Brian Close and company when the great Yorkshire side of 30 years ago was carrying all before it. The sight of Wilson and "fiery" Fred blowing smoke rings at each other at "pipeman of the year" lunches became a famous 1960s photo-opportunity.

But the prime minister can take vicarious satisfaction that Wisden does record a John Major with a proud first class professional career – a middle order batsman and right arm medium pace bowler who appeared 11 times for Sussex in 1888 and 1889, scoring 363 runs at an average of 17.28, and a highest score of 106.

NIGEL WILLIAMSON

...and moreover

PHILIP HOWARD

Old Fleet Street proverb: heavy the hack with a pack on his back. Modern Oz version: the journo with an axe to grind, is a bloody, effing bind. Journalists should not join things. It threatens the impartiality without fear or favour for which they are famous far and wide. Of course there are perfectly good journalists who belong to political parties and other pressure groups and lobbies. But one does tend to raise one's eyes to heaven and wince when they start using their precious space to bang on about their pet cause, why oh whying away about anything from a political leader to the evils of abortion to a chum's book. Well he would say that, wouldn't he?

That is why journalists should not accept honours. It compromises a journalist's objectivity to wear a gong or title nominally awarded by the Queen, but actually dished out by politicians. Can it be for services rendered?

Of course, none of us are perfect, not even journalists. In the behind-the-scenes Gadarene lobbying for honours, journalists are up there in the front rank, truffling away with publishers and politicians themselves. And here am I, after that pious extended intro, not so much joining as helping to found a discreet sort of pressure group, Friends of Classics, which will be launched on Monday. All I can say by way of mitigation is that the other founding fathers, such as Iris Murdoch, Kenneth Dover, Jeremy Morse, Shan Hackett, and Lord Runcie, are not notoriously noisy hustlers and disturbers of the peace. And the cause itself is the only good one for a journalist. The classics are the roots of English language, and culture, and even journalism. Herodotus was the father of modern tabloid journalism.

The classics are widely misperceived by the ignorant as being out-of-date, difficult, élitist, and irrelevant – those deadly sins of our modern times. Codswallop, of course. I think it is partly the fault of our name for them. It comes, like three-quarters of our language, from the classics themselves. Careless construing by Beetle, or Bunter, or Adrian Mole might suppose that classics meant nautical (*classis* a fleet) or to do with trumpet calls (*classicum*). Both are connected in the vast network of European language. But the original meaning comes from the five *classes* into which Servius Tullius is said to have divided the Roman citizens on the basis of property.

The English hijacked the word to mean of the first rank. The word became applied to the classics of ancient Greece and Rome, in part due to the snobbish notion that the ancient literatures were superior to the modern, and in part due to their predominant use in *classes* in schools. There *was* snobbery around a century ago in the silly idea that Latin and Greek were the only suitable subjects for gents at Eton and ladies at Cheltenham Ladies' who were not going to have to earn their livings in any very strenuous way. But that silliness is long dead. Our musicians got themselves into an even worse muddle with the word. Classical music is used to mean either (a) the music of formal order and design of the 16th to 18th centuries, as opposed to the Romantic movement; (b) stuff that will last, applied to a work of art against which the destroying hand of time has proved powerless; and (c) the antithesis to popular. "Do you like classical music?" "No, I like something with a *tune* in it." Only the English, with their obsession with class, have so much trouble with the word.

Friends of Classics hit on the name for our very snazzy mag, presenting the latest scholarship in all fields by world masters in a witty and accessible way, by serendipity in the middle of a boozy lunch: *Ad familiares*, the name of Cicero's letters to his chums. When we get it onto the station bookstalls, we may have to find a less élitist subname. All we are puffing is the self-evident truth that the roots of our culture and language are classical, still protruding through the surface. Without some knowledge of the classics, a European is blindfolded in a garden of delights of literature and art and architecture. The memory of the lost unity of the Roman Empire still haunts the mind of Europe. Friends of Classics arise on Monday to sound the *classicum*.

Guinea Pigs wait for Mann

THE hitch in the release of Jackie Mann has come as a bitter blow, not only to his wife Sunnie but also to his old RAF friends in the Guinea Pig Club, who had reserved him a place at the top table at the club's 50th anniversary dinner later this month.

Mann is a proud member of the club, which consists of second world war airmen who escaped from blazing planes, and were sent to the pioneering plastic surgeon, Sir Archie McIndoe, in ward 3, a wooden hut, at Queen Victoria Hospital, East Grinstead, West Sussex.

McIndoe's patients were dubbed "the guinea pigs" and nearly 500 of them still survive. The reunion dinner takes place in East Grinstead near the hospital on September 28.

Mann was shot down in Spitfires five times during the war. The fourth time, on September 14, 1940, he suffered horrendous facial injuries but still managed to take a photograph of his blazing plane. The photograph was printed in the book, *The Guinea Pig Club*, a history of the group, which meets about four times a year.

Mann, who like his fellow club members, referred to McIndoe as "the boss" until the surgeon's death in 1980, was given more than just a new face, according to RAF colleagues. His determination and will to live, qualities he has shown in abundance over the last two years, date from this period.

Group Captain Tom Gleave, aged 83, the chief guinea pig and leader of the 253 squadron, whose Hurricane was shot down near Biggin Hill after he downed five German planes, says: "We had hoped Jack would be back in Britain by this weekend and would have liked him to be with us at our reunion. Many of our members never thought we would see the end of the war, let alone our 50th anniversary." Whatever happens, Mann's seat of honour will be kept open for him.

On one of the last occasions a Church of England bishop was very rude about the government, lightning struck York minster. Within hours of Dr George Carey's attack on government education policy, a crane smashed through the roof of the historic Wren church of St James's, in London. Heaven onlyknows what would have happened if Carey had been ruder.

Betting on Booker

AUTUMN has finally arrived; witness not just the nip in the air but the first stirrings of this year's Booker prize chase. The shortlist for October's prize-winning ceremony is due to be announced next Tuesday. Might this be the first year, for example, that Martin Amis is short-listed? Perhaps not, considering the thrashing his latest back-to-front novel, *Time's Arrow* has received form the critics. Julian Barnes's *Talking it Over* might be a more likely bet; so too is the South African novelist André Brink's *An Act of Terror*. Other possibles include William Cooper's *Immortality At Any Price*, Iain Sinclair's *Downriver*, and Michael Frayn's *A Landing On the Sun*. The sentimental, but outside bets, are on Margaret Drabble's *A Natural Curiosity* to follow her sister's triumph of last year.

Whoever they pick, this year's judges are a heavyweight group, unleavened even by a token non-literary figure. Chaired by Jeremy Treglown, formerly editor of the *Times Literary Supplement*, they comprise Penelope Fitzgerald, Jonathan Keates, Nicholas Mosley and Ann Schlee. The team, which has read its way through the 108 books entered, will meet to decide at the Savile Club, central London, on Tuesday over Muscadet and lamb noisettes.

Bishops divided

THE threat of schism in the Church of England is a mere postscript compared with the difficulties facing the Anglican church in the Sudan, where the country has two competing archbishops. In theory, Archbishop Elinana Ngalamu should have retired when his ten-year term of office expired in 1986. But despite the enthronement of Archbishop Benjamina Yugusuk as primate of the province and Bishop of Juba in his place, in February 1987, Ngalamu has stayed put. Now, Ngalamu has finally decided to retire next Easter but, alas, it seems that he wants to appoint his own successor from among the six bishops he has already consecrated. George Carey take note.

One of Scotland's least fashionable soccer teams will have God on its side when it steps out to do battle on St Andrew's Day. The Church of Scotland kirk in Perth is to sponsor the match ball in St Johnstone's premier division match with Hibernian on November 30. The deal, the first of its kind, is an attempt to try to revive church attendances, especially among young males. For £200 the church will get its name on the scoreboard, have seats in the executive box and be presented with the autographed match football. St Johnstone's choice seems inspired; the club's nickname is The Saints.

Bellamy bounds in

Crisis, what crisis? It seems the only people who do not comprehend the depth of London Zoo's financial problems are the administrators of the zoo itself, judging by the agenda of next week's annual meeting.

The four-page document touches on the crisis in almost tangential fashion. On the proposal to raise the subscription for fellows of the Zoological Society from £30 to £40, the agenda declares: "In view of the close public scrutiny of the society's finances over the past year, it is important to demonstrate that means to increase revenue are being sought." And that's it. But the zoo has a new weapon in its fundraising armoury: David Bellamy is about to be elected for the first time as a member of the governing council.

OPTING THE CHURCH OUT

The pre-election silly season is well under way. After a Governor of the Bank of England row comes an Archbishop of Canterbury row. The archbishop was hardly going out on a limb in Thursday's passing reference to deprivation on Tyneside. But arguments between the Conservative party and the Church of England are always conducted on the highest plane of daftness, so a row was unsurprising.

Clergymen whose work touches the poorest in the community understandably find themselves drawn to politics, albeit sometimes naively. Tories loathe this and retort by suggesting that the poor would at least be peaceable if only clergymen were better at fighting sin, as implied by the home secretary, Kenneth Baker, on BBC radio. For once, the Tory leadership yesterday saw sense and called a halt to such exchanges.

More important is what the archbishop said on another aspect of inner-city politics, that of education. Dr Carey is apparently concerned at the prospect of fundamentalist groups using "opting out" to set up exclusive schools of their own with public money. Such schools, he says, would be "socially divisive, educationally damaging and spiritually unsatisfying". This amounts to saying the same of an important plank of the government's education policy.

For an Anglican to protest at others rushing to the subsidy trough to support sectarian education may seem hypocritical. Anglicans and Roman Catholics have been at it since 1944 and a quarter of all primary schools are Church of England ones. But Dr Carey has raised a question of major importance about the social divisions that may result from opting out, whether by church schools or by schools in general.

The policy is undeniably divisive. It is a turning back from the tradition of "comprehensive" community schooling developed in Britain over the past quarter century. But is this actively harmful? It may be that in Boston and Johannesburg, in Belfast and parts of Liverpool and Glasgow, cross-community schooling is widely regarded as crucial in promoting social order. Similar comprehensivism, at least at the primary stage, may be the norm in America and most of Europe. But does a bit of educational tribalism matter in Britain?

The skeleton in his church's cupboard is that its schools are not, as Dr Carey implied, popular because they are Anglican. The Book of Common Prayer is not the reason why four out of five London church primary schools are hugely oversubscribed; the reason is that middle-class parents want free education that is mildly selective, sometimes with a smaller proportion of non-white children. Church schools reflect the old maxim that where parents are supposedly free to choose schools, schools actually choose parents.

Dr Carey may see a threat to Anglican (and Catholic) privileges under the 1944 Act in opting out, but church schools have *enjoyed a measure of freedom to take pupils* of their own choice. Local council schools have seen church schools much as Dr Carey sees the new opted-out ones. Where Dr Carey is right to express concern is that, while church schools do link themselves in some degree to local school policy, opted-out ones are, by definition, a challenge to it. Since the government will be inclined to shower money on the opted-out sector, there is a clear inducement to schools to opt out to improve their buildings (and thus make themselves yet more selective in their choice of parents).

This divisiveness is inherent in the opting-out policy — a policy born of the fallacy that a school system can be organised to give every parent "free choice of school". Church schools have long been party to this implied selectivity. The question that Dr Carey has reopened is whether some compulsory allocation to schools on a community wide basis is the proper goal of public policy in the state sector: indeed whether local schooling should be planned at all.

In a free society citizens have a right to pay for the school of their choice, whether on grounds of class, ability or religion. If this should perpetuate social or religious division, that is considered a price worth paying for the freedom. Whether local and national taxes should actually encourage or sustain such divisiveness is much harder to argue. The present government claims that such divisiveness is a small price to pay for a few outstanding selective schools, and that good schools will expand to take more of the parents clamouring at their doors. Critics protest that the untrammelled free market is inappropriate to such inflexible a service as education, and the use of children as victims of such a market is cruel.

The church is really on the government's side of this argument. Its institutions may be less divisive than those of opted-out fundamentalists or middle-class parents escaping the sink schools. But Dr Carey can hardly plead to be allowed just a little divisiveness. If he wants to disestablish Anglican schools, along with the Anglican Church, he should have the courage of his convictions. For they are right ones.

CHARITIES AND POLITICS

Aid charities like Oxfam exist to tap the wells of altruism in Britain to relieve hardship abroad. The causes of the hardship will almost always include political factors even if the immediate occasion is a natural disaster. Remedies, even emergency food aid, will always have political consequences. Yet Oxfam, a charity, is barred by law from operating politically. Hence the collision Oxfam had with the Charity Commissioners last May, when the charity was severely criticised for political activity, was sooner or later inevitable.

Aid charities are having to push back the traditional definition of charitable status to do their work. The Charity Commissioners have somehow to draw a line, though this is in an ill-defined area of common law with little help from decided cases in the courts. They do not need to come down hard on every apparent breach of charitable status however small, though the new allegation against Oxfam by the International Freedom Foundation should worry them.

The IFF has formally complained that two Oxfam offshoots, Oxfam (Belgium) and Oxfam (Shops Worldwide) had endorsed a campaign to raise £16,000 for the African National Congress. The charity was not proposing to handle the money nor to give to the campaign itself. But this was a blatantly political activity that had no connection with the charity's declared purpose.

The essential purpose of charitable status is to exempt charitable donations from tax, enhancing the charity's income, and to ensure that a charity sticks to the activities for which it requests public support. A tax break for charitable donations may be regarded as a form of public subsidy. The income is in this sense privileged, and the privilege should not be abused. A charity that abuses its position damages all charities. The commissioners are right to be concerned about the ANC affair.

Other cases are not so straightforward. People occupy the delta islands of Bangladesh, liable to serious flooding, because they cannot find land elsewhere. Should Oxfam say and do nothing to draw attention to the reasons why people put themselves at risk, nor encourage Bangladeshi politicians who want land reform? Aid to Africa and Asia is invariably laden with political import, especially where as in Ethiopia and Sudan it *has been continuing for a long time.* Government-to-government aid is now made conditional upon observance of, or progress towards, democracy, free markets and human rights. To ignore such criteria is itself political.

How then can politics be separated from aid that is not government-to-government? Even the most basic activity for which Oxfam was founded, providing sacks of food to relieve famine, can encourage corruption, sustain dictators, reduce the risk of riot. Food aid supplied too generously or too long can distort and subvert an agricultural economy, making famine endemic. Not to be concerned with the politics of aid is as irresponsible as wrongly directing a charity's domestic activity. The Charity Commissioners should be on guard, but not make Oxfam's job impossible.

GRAND MEMORY FOR FORGETTING

Is there such a thing as "loss of memory syndrome" (LMS)? The retired director of Chatham House, Admiral Sir James Eberle, suggested in a recent letter to *The Times* that "this generation suffers from it more severely than did the last". A lively correspondence has — so far — failed to recall any hard evidence.

Any increase in the incidence of LMS must in part be explained by old age: as more people live longer, so the experience of LMS becomes more common. Yet Dr Johnson (then in his seventies) condemned the "wicked inclination" to attribute lapses of memory to senility: "If a young or middle-aged man, when leaving a company, does not recollect where he laid his hat, it is nothing; but if the same fault is discovered in an old man, people will shrug up their shoulders, and say, 'His memory is going.' " All still true.

If great longevity is not sufficient to account for LMS, the proliferation of information technology may be. Has computerised data storage rendered a reliable memory less essential? Is memory obsolete? Modern experience cannot equal the feats of gifted individuals and groups in history. According to Grote: "A considerable portion of the [ancient] Greeks of Olbia could repeat the Iliad from memory."

From the time of Raymond Lull in the 13th century, the "art of memory" flourished in Europe, and the use of mnemonics acquired a mystical as well as a practical significance.

Though the invention of printing made it less necessary to memorise facts, the rapid accumulation of knowledge also imposed new demands, driven by the Faustian urge to know everything. The renaissance ushered in the heroic age of memory. Under the weight of scholarship, however, the universal man gradually turned into the dilettante. The choice between specialisation and popularisation, which forced itself on polymaths during the 19th century, set its own limit on memory overload. The absent-minded professor was not entirely a fiction: to master the sheer volume of material which empirical research brought forth made prodigious demands on the memory, and memory gave in. "Not my period, old boy."

But if erudition is no longer necessary for its own sake or as a badge of cultivation, it is all the more necessary that some should possess it for the sake of those who lack it. When the memories on which most people rely are electronic, only the well-stocked memories of the few can avert the mental atrophy of the many. Or who is to remind us what we have forgotten, and of the need to look it up?

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Divisions and dialogue in the Church of England

From Mrs Wendy Chiu

Sir, Archbishop Carey's response (September 19) to the furore caused by Archdeacon Austin's sermon on September 8 is disappointing and misleading. If he really wants each side to "listen to the other" for something on which they could agree, why doesn't he give some indication of how that laudable process might begin?

On what simple, incontrovertible facts about our Christian faith which do not need any cavalier or casuistic interpretation are we to shake hands? Can we present "Christ as Lord", as the Archbishop suggests, unless we intend to obey him?

If A denies what B affirms, there is the beginning of Humpty Dumpty-ism already. And, as the passage the Archbishop quoted from *Alice Through the Looking-Glass* goes on to show, whether A gets away with making words mean what he wants them to mean depends on who's boss, not on whether such arbitrary action is permissible or not.

Diversity can reach the point of division, where it is Humpty-Dumptyish to insist on still calling it diversity. And there are some who feel they are in Outer Mongolia, to use the Archbishop's term, which is quite a different sensation from merely being provoked.

This is a time for the Church of England to heed these words of its founder: "The Kingdom of God shall be taken from you and given to people who will produce its fruit." (Matthew 21:43, *New International Version*).

Yours sincerely,
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September 19.

From Mr F. W. Peacock

Sir, Name calling, such as the Fat Boy and Humpty Dumpty (report, September 19), is reminiscent of childhood squabbles. Are we all just children at heart, no matter how high the office?

Yours faithfully,
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Tyne and Wear.
September 19.

From Mr Christopher T. Rivington

Sir, It is a sad day for the Church of England when Clifford Longley (article, September 14) feels he must advocate schism as a present solution to the church's problems. Schisms are much more easily started than ended.

Could not next year's debate in the General Synod on priesting women be postponed, and the bishops strive afresh to reach consensus on this difficult subject, with the guidance of the Holy Spirit? If ordination of women priests is coming, a delay of, say, five to ten years would not be a big price to pay for achieving it without a schism in the Church of England.

Yours faithfully,
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September 14.

From the Rural Dean of Emly

Sir, It is becoming clear that the legislation concerning the ordination of women has attracted so many unresolved hopes and tensions that the whole issue has become almost larger than life. It is profitable to rehearse the possible scenarios that lie ahead.

There are those who believe the vote in the General Synod will be narrowly won, and within a matter of years the remaining opposition will melt away. On the face of it, this seems unlikely.

There are others who expect the legislation to be defeated by a narrow margin. This result will appear to preserve the church's traditional faith, but will inevitably leave great frustration in its wake, and will seem to reinforce the long-standing neglect of women's ministry.

Maybe the answer is to live and let live as Clifford Longley proposes, for the church to split, and for each side to go its own way. But this would leave many people stranded, their head and heart in separate camps, and the ensuing legal wrangle over church property is too dreadful to contemplate.

We have short memories. In 1982, the defeat of the Covenant proposals left many disillusioned. But the result has been the unfolding of a new approach to ecumenical relations in this country, which now fully includes the Roman Catholic Church in a way that had not been foreseen. May we not trust that the same will happen over the legislation for the ordination of women? As a result we may be led forward to a richer and brighter pattern for the ministry of men and women in the church.

What none of us wants is a kind of "unisex clericalism" — that would be even less dignified than the male clericalism which has inspired many a music-hall artist, but is ultimately rather tragic. Will the church not be better served by acknowledging and respecting our differences; not trying to rubbish those with whom we disagree, nor settling for a split, but going back to the drawing-board in faith?

Yours sincerely,
CHRISTOPHER SCOTT,
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September 17.

From Mr Geoffrey Kirk

Sir, Frank Field (September 17) is right. In the proposed legislation to ordain women in the Church of England "the terms for leaving are too generous and the price of staying is too high". Because this is the case, and because those opposed see themselves as unwelcome and their theological position unrecognised and unsafeguarded, the Cost of Conscience movement has drawn up proposals for "alternative episcopal oversight".

Put simply, such an arrangement would secure what the proposed legislation will not:

1. It would allow faithful priests, loved and supported by their people, to continue to serve the church of their baptism and ordination.
2. It would ensure that a theological opinion which is held in Sydney, Harare, Tokyo and Buenos Aires by Anglicans of different cultural backgrounds could continue, with the same legitimacy, to be held in Norwich, Carlisle and Truro.

Alternative episcopal oversight, already favourably viewed by the Eames Commission on women in the episcopate, is not a formula for schism (as Mr Field suggests, the legislation itself is precisely that); it is rather the lowest common denominator of co-existence, both in the Church of England and in the Anglican Communion at large.

Yours faithfully,
GEOFFREY KIRK
(Secretary to the committee),
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September 18.

From Mr Peter Scott

Sir, If the Church of England splits, will there still be a future for ecumenism?

Yours sincerely,
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24 Cefn Coed Avenue,
Cardiff, South Glamorgan.

Michelangelo and the human form

From Mr Nigel Temple

Sir, I deplore the quasi-scientific attack reported in your item "Michelangelo curves fail surgeons' shape test" (September 17). Clearly some American plastic surgeons know more about women's breasts than about the work of the great man.

Michelangelo's wondrous portrayal of the human figure was, by choice, based on the male form, which he saw as the image of God. His studies included a series of dissections of bodies, carried out at considerable risk of his excommunication.

It is therefore no surprise that the female Medici sculptures have a passing androgynous quality, but what possible relevance does this have to their timeless appeal? Michelangelo is a genius who deserves better than this.

Yours faithfully,
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September 18.

From the Reverend Harold Saxby

Sir, Surely Michelangelo would want to say in self-defence, "You doctors are asking the wrong question. You should not ask 'Do my sculptures look like women?' but 'Wouldn't women be beautiful, if they looked like my sculptures?' ".

Yours truly,
HAROLD SAXBY,
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Shelborne, Dorset.
September 17.

From Mrs Mabyn Ellis

Sir, How can it have escaped the American surgeons that the figures of Aurora and Notte in the Medici Chapel were never intended to be merely human -- they are abstractions? As the surgeons' experience has been limited to mortal humanity, how can they know what shape these beings' breasts should be?

Yours sincerely,
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September 17.

From Mr Michael Harmer

Sir, I read that American plastic surgeons are concerned about Michelangelo's portrayal of the female breast. How should I, a member of the Association of Head and Neck Surgeons of Great Britain, react concerning Henry Moore?

Yours faithfully,
MICHAEL HARMER,
Perrot Wood, Graffham,
Petworth, Sussex.
September 16.

Two-speed Europe

From Professor G. Lee Williams

Sir, George Brock's report (September 14) on the likely "head-on clash" between John Major and President Mitterrand at Maastricht in December rightly raises issues that go beyond the disagreement over a two-speed union as advocated by the Dutch.

The problem with the prescription put forward by the "wideners" is not merely the eventual size of the Community, which could indeed expand quite dramatically in the long term, but the likely impact that successful economic reforms would have on the economies of existing members of the Community.

The success of market economies east of the Elbe will almost certainly destroy the common agricultural policy and engender a world-wide energy glut triggering a steep fall in the value of the Deutschmark. The impact on energy markets could be spectacular resulting in the partial collapse of Opec given a modest rise in the former Soviet Union's oil exports by the end of the decade.

Eastern Europe could prove highly competitive in manufacturing industries which would hit those industries growing fastest in the Mediterranean countries such as Portugal and Spain. Maastricht might commit the EC to a two-speed EMU but successful economic reform in Eastern Europe will blow it apart.

Only a pan-European free-trade area can survive the stress associated with success.

Yours sincerely,
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September 15.

Riot question

From Mr Rhodri Morgan, MP for Cardiff West (Labour)

Sir, You reported on September 4 that John Patten, the Home Office minister, had asked for police accounts of the disorders in Cardiff and Oxford over the previous weekend. On September 5 the BBC reported that Kenneth Baker had "asked for reports" on the same two incidents and the problems in Handsworth. On September 11 all the "heavy" newspapers referred to John Major, the prime minister, calling for a full ministerial report on the Tyneside riot.

What exactly does it mean for a minister to "ask for a report"? With so many ministers asking for reports everybody will be falling over themselves writing reports. But do these reports perform any useful function, or are the ministers trying to show they are still in charge?

Is asking for a report a substitute for analysis and action? Do these reports actually involve anything more than standard police reporting of how they policed the situation, or do they involve anybody from the Home Office actually visiting the areas concerned and making an analysis of what happened and how to ensure its non-recurrence?

How do they decide whether these reports are of any value?

Yours,
RHODRI MORGAN,
House of Commons.

Funds to the rescue

From Mr George J. Levy

Sir, You report (September 19) that the Reviewing Committee for the Export of Works of Art have given "a red star denoting supreme heritage importance" to £3.26 million of drawings sold at auction by Viscount Coke, from Holkham Hall.

In the absence of a national lottery (the merits of which have been referred to recently by a number of your correspondents) the Foundation for Sports and Arts (which was substituted for it in the last Budget) yesterday announced its *first distribution of £6 million* to puppeteers and opera (report, September 19).

May I suggest that out of the foundation's estimated income of £60 million a year (from which they are proposing earmarking £20 million for the arts) they should consider a figure of at least £5 million a year as a contingency fund for just such cases as the Holkham drawings.

Yours faithfully,
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Democracy in Kenya

From Mr G. H. O. Josiah

Sir, It was interesting that your editorial ("Aiding democracy", September 12) drew attention to the Africa Watch report "documenting the Kenyan government's use of torture, harassment and detention of campaigners for democracy, and political manipulation of the judiciary" as well as the activities of "one of Kenya's bravest lawyers", Gitobu Imanyara.

The report contained 97 quotations from Kenyan newspapers in developing its arguments against Kenya. It also compiled 107 unattributable or anonymous statements in drawing up a dossier of so-called abuses — this seems to tell us something about freedom of the press in Kenya and about the reliability of the "evidence" produced by Africa Watch.

Gitobu Imanyara may be an editor, but is no longer a lawyer. He was convicted (in 1984) of stealing a client's money to the tune of about £15,000 and sentenced to five years' imprisonment, later reduced on appeal to Kenya's independent judiciary to three years. In 1985 he was struck off the roll of advocates by the Advocates' Disciplinary Committee.

Yours faithfully,
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Minimum wage

From the Director General of the Institute of Personnel Management

Sir, In your report (September 19) on the findings of this institute's report on the minimum wage, the inference could have been drawn that the government in some way attempted to encourage us to change the way our policy was presented.

I should like to make it clear that no pressure was exerted upon us by the government to change the presentation. Our position in not supporting a minimum wage at this time was decided at our relevant committee meeting at the beginning of August.

An early draft press release did not properly reflect this position and so was amended for that reason alone, and before any discussions with the government. As an independent institute our objective in publishing the research findings was to encourage a more informed debate on this important and at present politically polarised issue.

Yours faithfully,
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September 19.

Licking inflation

From Mr Simon Odling

Sir, Inflation may be licked (report, September 14), except when it comes to stamps.

Yours faithfully,
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September 18.

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All in a row

From Mrs J. Rangarajan

Sir, My rowing club has a group of 16 members between the ages of 75 and 80 who have been rowing together regularly since 1932. When ice covers Oslofjord they take to the rowing machines in the boathouse.

This makes Sir Donald Acheson's suggested goal for the elderly (report, *On the State of the Public Health, 1990*, September 13) of a short walk three or four times a week look a little unambitious, to say the least.

Yours faithfully,
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Beyond their grasp

From Mr Jonathan Savidge

Sir, On June 21, 1975, you published a letter from my four older sisters and myself asking which of us would be the first to cast our first vote under a system of proportional representation.

As I turned 18 on Tuesday none of us has qualified. It seems one of us will indeed have to lead the Cabinet, as we suggested then, to carry through electoral reform. Or can we leave it to Paddy Ashdown?

I continue to have the honour to remain, Sir, your obedient servant,
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September 19.

Politics and hobbies

From Lord Greenhill of Harrow

Sir, It is strange that Peter Riddell in his article on the social isolation of the modern politician ("Parliament their prison", September 16) makes no mention of Edward Heath. In addition to music he was able to combine his prime ministership with an outstanding international success as a yachtsman.

For those achievements he received very little acclaim from the British public. How much more praiseworthy was his performance than attending as a spectator football or cricket matches or even writing entertaining novels.

Yours truly,
GREENHILL of HARROW,
House of Lords.

Back and forth

From Mr Hamish Fyfe

Sir, With palindromes (report, September 19) and talk of elections in the air, the government missed an ideal opportunity (19.9.1991) to ask the nation to "rise to vote sir" (or "madam", of course).

Yours faithfully,
HAMISH FYFE,
33 Ferry Road,
Monifieth, Tayside.

From Mr J. D. Hampshire

Sir, Looking for other two-digit palindromes, even if only five-figure versions, we should not overlook the special one of 29.2.92, being the leap day of next year.

As I understand this is also a day when ladies can propose to gentlemen, does it mean that any proposal can exceptionally be made by either party?

Yours sincerely,
JEREMY HAMPSHIRE,
37 Cambridge Crescent,
Teddington, Middlesex.

From Mr Donald K. Shaw

Sir, On this palindromic date (19.9.1991) may I venture to suggest that this part of the country boasts what I consider the longest palindromic place name in Britain — Glenelg.

Yours faithfully,
DONALD K. SHAW,
The Ridge, 36 Crown Drive,
Inverness.

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COURT CIRCULAR

BALMORAL CASTLE
September 20: By Command of The Queen, the Earl Howe (Lord in Waiting) was present at RAF Northolt this afternoon upon the Departure of The Duke and Duchess of Gloucester for Luxembourg, and bade farewell to Their Royal Highness on behalf of Her Majesty.

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
September 20: The Duke of York, Colonel-in-Chief of The Staffordshire Regiment (The Prince of Wales's), today visited Lichfield and was received by Colonel F. Walter James (Vice Lord-Lieutenant of Staffordshire).

This morning His Royal Highness attended a Gulf Thanksgiving Service in Lichfield Cathedral.

Afterwards, The Duke of York attended a reception in the Deanery.

His Royal Highness then attended a luncheon in the Civic Hall, Lichfield.

This afternoon The Duke of York presented New Colours to the 3rd (Volunteer) Battalion the Staffordshire Regiment.

His Royal Highness later met families of servicemen in the Staffordshire Regiment.

Captain Alexander Baillie-Hamilton was in attendance.

The Duchess of York was this morning installed as Chancellor of Salford University in the Maxwell Hall, Salford University.

Her Royal Highness then attended a luncheon in the University Restaurant.

Mrs Jonathan Mathias and Captain Neil Blair, RN, were in attendance.

KENSINGTON PALACE
September 20: The Princess of Wales received Professor Akbar Ahmed at Kensington Palace, W8.

KENSINGTON PALACE
September 20: The Duke and Duchess of Gloucester this afternoon departed from Royal Air Force Northolt to carry out engagements in Luxembourg and Hanover.

Upon arrival at RAF Northolt, Their Royal Highnesses were received by the Ambassador of Luxembourg (His Excellency Monsieur Edouard Molitor), Herr Helmut Wegner (Minister Plenipotentiary of the Embassy of the Federal Republic of Germany) and Sir David Muirhead (Special Representative of the Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs).

Mrs Howard Page, Miss Suzanne Mariand and Major Nicholas Barne are in attendance.

YORK HOUSE
ST. JAMES'S PALACE
September 20: The Duke of Kent this morning opened the new wing of the Royal Surrey County Hospital, Egerton Road, Guildford and was received by Her Majesty's Lord Lieutenant for Surrey (Mr Richard Thornton).

His Royal Highness this afternoon opened the Egham Fire Station, High Street, Egham, Surrey.

Memorial service

Mr Nicholas della Casa
A service of thanksgiving for the life of Mr Nicholas della Casa was held yesterday at St Mary Abbots, Kensington. Canon Gerald Hughes officiated and the Rev Anthony Priddis led the prayers.

Mr Willie Athill read an extract from *The Hunting of the Snark* by Lewis Carroll, Mr Julian Pollard read Tennyson's *Ulysses* and Mr François d'Arquennes read a paraphrase from *Where is Death's Sting?* by G.F. Bradby. Major-General Antony Pollard gave an address.

Appointments

Latest appointments include:

Sir Michael Butler to be Pro-Provost and Chairman of the Council of the Royal College of Art

Mr Derek Harold Field to be a Deputy Lieutenant for the County of Staffordshire.

The following to join the Council for National Academic Awards: Dr J. Axford, Dr N. Elmore, Mr G.H. Fairtlough, Miss J.O. Trotter, Professor E. Abel, Professor R. Brown, Professor D.E.N. Davies.

Service dinners

RN College, Greenwich
Mr Douglas Reeman was the guest of honour at a ladies' guest night dinner held last night at the Royal Naval College, Greenwich. Commander M.P. Sauvage, Commander of the College, presided.

22nd (Cheshire) Regiment
The Lord Lieutenant of Cheshire attended the annual dinner of the 22nd (Cheshire) Regiment Officers' Association held last night at the Town Hall, Chester. Brigadier W.K.L. Prosser, Colonel of the Regiment, presided. The High Sheriff of Cheshire, the Chairman of Cheshire County Council, the Mayor of Chester and the Dean of Chester were among the other guests.

Tomorrow's royal engagement

The Duke of Kent, as a Trustee of the Science Museum, will attend the launch of its new sponsorship scheme at BAFTA, Piccadilly, at 6.00.

Michael Faraday Bicentenary Service

The Archbishop of York preached the sermon at a service of thanksgiving held yesterday in Westminster Abbey to mark the bicentenary of the birth of Michael Faraday. The Dean of Westminster officiated, assisted by the Rev Alan Luff, Precentor, and the Rev Paul Ferguson, Chaplain and Sacrist. The Rev John Polkinghorne, President of Queen's College, Cambridge, led prayers.

Professor Roger Blin-Stoyle, President of the Institute of Physics, read the lesson and Lord Porter of Luddenham, OM, and Sir John Meurig Thomas, Fullerian Professor of Chemistry, Royal Institution, read from Faraday's writings, diaries and Christmas lectures.

During the service Sir Michael Atiyah, President of the Royal Society, Professor Peter Day, Director-elect of the Royal Institution, Dr Jones, Professor Blin-Stoyle and Professor Roger Parsons, President of the Faraday Division of the Royal Society of Chemistry, laid wreaths at the Faraday memorial.

Items associated with Faraday were carried in procession from the West End of the Abbey to the Sacrarium: A volume of Faraday's *Diary of Experiments* was carried by Dr Jones; Faraday's electro-magnetic induction ring by Professor Parsons; and his copy of the Bible by Mrs Irena M. McCabe, Librarian and Archivist of the Royal Institution.

The Deputy Lord Mayor of Westminster was among those present.

OBITUARIES

YEROCHAM COHEN

Yerocham Cohen, a secret agent of Britain and, later, of Israel, has died aged 75. He was born in Tel Aviv on May 20, 1916.



YEROCHAM Cohen served the British as an undercover agent and saboteur with Orde Wingate's forces in mandatory Palestine before the second world war. He then became one of the most outstanding spies and saboteurs for Israel before it became a state – in the process becoming a personal friend to one of the Jewish state's most bitter foes, Gamal Abdel Nasser of Egypt.

Yerocham Cohen was a Yemenite Jew. His parents had trekked to the Promised Land from Yemen and the family lived in a small house in the grounds of a school in Herzlia where his father worked as caretaker. As a youth Cohen first joined the *Haganah*, the semi-secret Jewish self-defence movement, and then its military arm, the *Palmah*. On leaving school he went to Galilee to serve in the British-administered police force, protecting main roads, settlements and villages from attack by armed gangs.

From these police duties Cohen was recruited by Captain Orde Wingate. The British officer had created and trained a Jewish commando force initially to meet the danger of a German and Italian invasion. It later initiated raids and night ambushes against Arab marauders who constantly sabotaged the oil pipe line from Iraq to Haifa as it passed through Galilee.

In 1940 Cohen was one of four Jews chosen to work on intelligence and sabotage missions with the British behind French-controlled lines in Lebanon and Syria which had declared loyalty to the Vichy government collaborating with the Germans. The Jewish agents, who were known as the Syrian Unit, were trained by British officers in sabotage and the use of various weapons and explosives. Cohen travelled to Beirut and Damascus posing as a merchant or labourer, which allowed him to move around seeking new business or itinerant work as he gathered military and political information and supervised other agents. Arrested on one occasion by Syrian police he was freed only after his British liaison officer discovered his prison location and engineered his release by saying he was a wanted Arab deserter from a British base.

As the Jews' campaign for their own state in Palestine intensified Cohen took command of the *Mistaravim* a unit of the *Palmah* which consisted of men and women trained to penetrate the Arab communities in Palestine and surrounding Arab countries for intelligence, sabotage and psychological warfare missions. Later the unit helped smuggle Jews from Arab lands into Israel.

Cohen continued to cross the borders on various undercover missions and twice managed to escape after being arrested and imprisoned. In the summer of 1946 he was appointed staff intelligence chief of the *Palmah*.

Towards the end of 1948, as the newly-declared Jewish state found itself at war with invading Arab armies, Cohen served as a captain at the southern front where some 4,000 Egyptian troops were besieged by the Israelis in what was known as the Faluja pocket, a sandy stretch of the northern Negev not far from Gaza. The Egyptians were in a desperate situation but refused to surrender unconditionally. In an effort to prevent further bloodshed for both sides, Yigal Allon, the commander of the *Palmah* sought a volunteer to try and reach Egyptian lines and arrange a meeting between the commanders of the two sides. Yerochem Cohen volunteered, driving through a minefield and calling through a loud hailer for an Egyptian officer to approach him.

Three officers eventually appeared, led by a major who introduced himself as Gamal Abdel Nasser. Over the next few weeks, as the two sides met to try and resolve the stalemate, Nasser and Cohen found themselves engaging in lengthy discussions.

In his autobiography, *By Light and in Darkness*, Cohen writes that he found Nasser "charming, open and full of strong patriotic feelings, who talked with anger and emotion of the miserable condition of his people and his country. "He asked many questions about how we had organised popular rebellion and the *Haganah* underground army in our struggle against the British and he wanted to know all about our kibbutz cooperative farms and about our social and political systems and philosphy." The two men maintained intermittent contact through intermediaries after the Egyptians pulled out from the Faluja pocket and Nasser was later to write about their meetings in his own book, *The Philosophy of the Revolution*.

In 1951 Cohen ended his military service and studied for a BA in political science and Middle East studies at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem. He won a scholarship to St Anthony's College, Oxford, in 1956 gaining a Bachelor of Letters for a thesis on "The Rebellion of Urabi Pasha in Egypt". Then he joined Israel's foreign service and was posted to Nigeria, meeting and marrying his wife, Denorah, in a whirlwind courtship as he passed through London where she was studying medicine. In 1960 he became ambassador to Liberia. From 1965 until retirement in 1986 he was in charge of Tel-Aviv University's programmes for overseas students and disadvantaged youth. He is survived by his wife, son and daughter.

ZINO FRANCESCATTI

Zino Francescatti, French violinist, died at his home at La Ciotat in the south of France on September 17 aged 89. He was born in Marseilles on August 9, 1902.

ZINO Francescatti was a violinist of inspiration rather than intellectual depth. He phrased with innate lyricism and the tone he produced was always sweet. He evinced a romantic heart not quite worn on his sleeve but not far from it, and his playing sometimes wanted an essential stiffening of the sinews. A thorough trouper, he performed with all the major orchestras around the world, offering an enviable consistency of execution. He was, though, quite prepared to push beyond the bounds of the conventional concert hall repertoire and often championed works by less fashionable names, including the concertos of Szymanowski.

Both Francescatti's parents were professional musicians. He began playing the violin when he was five. His father, Fortune, was of Italian origin and had studied with Paganini. He was the boy's only teacher. Francescatti made his debut in Marseilles when he was ten, playing Beethoven's Violin Concerto, and began a regular career when he was only 13. He moved to Paris in 1924 where he met the composer Ravel. The two were much admired when they gave recitals together in Britain in 1926. From then on Francescatti carefully built an international career touring in Europe while also teaching at the École Normale in Paris from 1927.

He made his American debut with the New York Philharmonic on November 1, 1939, and from then on was one of the most sought after virtuosi in the United States, where he decided to settle. He remained there for the next 35 years, appearing in concert with such conductors as Bruno Walter, Mitropoulos and Karajan. Fifteen years ago he returned to the south of France where he lived in happy retirement, emerging occasionally to chair one or other international competition for violinists.

In the 1950s and 1960s he played regularly with the pianist Robert Casadesus, and they gave many recitals together of the sonata repertoire. They also made memorable recordings of the Beethoven sonatas and of the Debussy and César Franck sonatas. The Francescatti discography also includes the major concertos, made over a considerable period with different conductors and orchestras.

He was a Commander of the Légion d'Honneur.

CARDINAL HENRI DE LUBAC

Dr Michael Sutton writes:

I SHOULD like to add a little to your fine obituary of Cardinal Henri de Lubac (September 7) which concentrated naturally on his contribution to theology.

The sad years of the German occupation of France found Fr de Lubac in Lyons. There he was one of the small group of Jesuits who launched and played the leading role in the spiritual resistance to Nazism constituted by the clandestine *Cahiers du Témoignage chrétien*.

The first *cahier*, distributed in November 1941 and entitled *France, prends garde de perdre ton âme*, was written by his friend, Fr Gaston Fessard. His own most important contribution was "L'antisémitisme, et la conscience chrétienne" in the *cahier* entitled *Antisémites*, distributed in June 1942.

The round-up of Jewish men, women and children began in the northern zone in the following month of July and in the southern zone in August. In the latter month de Lubac was involved in the preparation of the public declaration of protest by Archbishop Saliège of Toulouse (the south-west having been the area where many of the internment camps for non-French Jews were located). Read out in all churches of the archdiocese, this declaration condemned categorically the great moral iniquity and horror of what was then happening in France.

DAVID POOLE

Stanley Glasser writes:

FOLLOWING the very fine obituary of David Poole (August 31) may I add that he wrote, choreographed and produced the first full-length all-South African ballet, *The Square*, commissioning me to compose and conduct the music for symphony orchestra and jazz band. At that time, 1962, no theatre in Cape Town being large enough to accommodate a dance cast of 70 and an equal number of musicians, the production had to be presented in the city's town hall.

The lead role was created for Johaar Mosaval, at that time a principal dancer with the Royal Opera Ballet, who also hailed from Cape Town. All the other dancers were amateurs drawn from the EOAN Group, a remarkable organisation formed in the early 1930s to promote the cultural and artistic interests of South Africans of mixed race.

David Poole's impressive range of talent and ability, as well as his mature and warm-hearted personality, ensured the three-week season's marked success. Not finance but difficulties of a political nature prevented this production from embarking on a nationwide tour. A great pity.

MILTON HARRIS

Milton Harris, a research chemist whose work ranged from the prevention of shrinkage in woollen fabrics to the preservation of the sperm whale, died of stomach cancer at his home in Chevy Chase, Maryland, on September 12, aged 85. He was born in Los Angeles on March 21, 1906.

ALLIED soldiers in the second world war had good cause to be grateful to Milton Harris. They marched further and in greater comfort, thanks to his discovery of a process to decrease the shrinkage and prolong the life of woollen socks. By the end of the war, more than a hundred million pairs of army socks had been produced by the Harris method.

Educated at Oregon State University and later at Yale, Harris was a brilliant student. He gained his PhD in chemistry at the age of 23 and went on to found his own research laboratory in Washington, DC. In 1956 he joined the Gillette corporation, serving for ten years as director of research and as a vice-president.

The American Institute of Chemists, of which he was a former president, gave Harris its highest award, the Harold DeWitt Smith Gold Medal, in 1966. The citation described him as "a great stimulator in virtually every area of scientific and professional practice." Generations of sperm whales, as well as footsore infantrymen, would probably agree. In 1975 Harris led a study group for the National Academy of Sciences which recommended the widespread cultivation of a little-known North American shrub, the jojoba. Oil extracted from the jojoba, he discovered, could be used as an effective substitute for sperm whale oil. The announcement was widely heralded as a means of preventing the extinction of the endangered species.

On his retirement from Gillette at the age of 60, Milton Harris remained highly active. He became a director of the Warner-Lambert Pharmaceutical company, and chairman of the Sealectro corporation. He also served on numerous scientific, government and academic boards and committees, and was particularly active in the affairs of Yale University.

During his career he published more than 200 scientific articles, held several patents in the textile field, and received numerous honours, including one for the development of US naval ordnance. He was a fellow of the British Textile Institute.

Milton Harris is survived by his wife, Carolyn, and one son.

Marriages

The Hon A.C.D. Jeffreys and Miss S. Sainsbury
The marriage took place on Saturday, September 7, at the Parish Church of Gordes, Vaucluse, France, of the Hon Charles Jeffreys, younger son of the late Lord Jeffreys and of Mrs Edward Clarke, to Miss Sonamara Sainsbury, daughter of Mr and Mrs Barry Sainsbury. Father Jean Charles-Roux officated.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, was attended by the Hon Arthur and the Hon Alice Jeffreys and Daisy and Laura Balfour. Mr Ludovic Lindsay was best man.

Mr M.J.B. Brown and Miss S.K. Goodchild
The marriage took place in Reading, on Friday, September 20, of Mr Matthew John Brown, younger son of Admiral Sir Brian and Lady Brown, of Froxfield, Petersfield, Hampshire, and Miss Sharon Kay Goodchild, daughter of Mr and Mrs Leslie Goodchild, of Ealing, London.

Mr D. Payne and Mrs S.E.M. Waddington
The marriage took place on Saturday, September 14, at Christ Church, Broadheath, Worcester, between Mr Donald Payne, of Fleet, Hampshire, and Mrs Susan Waddington, of Lower Broadheath.

Mr A.D. Smith and Dr K.D. Wallace
The marriage took place on Friday, September 20, between Mr Andrew Donald Smith, younger son of Dr and Mrs B.H. Smith, of Edgbaston, and Kim Deidre, younger daughter of Mr A. Wallace and the late Mrs L. Wallace, of Chingford.

Parochial Clergy Association

Ms June Rodgers, Chancellor of the diocese of Gloucester, has been elected Patron of the Parochial Clergy Association, in succession to the late Rev E. Garth Moore. The Rev J. W. Masding, Vicar of Hamstead, Birmingham, is to be chairman, after the retirement of the Rev William Grimwood.

Spanish Lady revived to raise funds to create Elgar centre

By JOHN SHAW

AN UNFINISHED opera by Sir Edward Elgar will be performed next week to raise money for a £1 million development appeal at his birthplace in the village of Lower Broadheath near Worcester.

The Spanish Lady, incorporating musical ideas explored throughout his career was uncompleted on his death in 1934. It was based on Ben Jonson's play *The Devil is an Ass*, and the organisers consider the work particularly topical since it focuses on the misuse of technology, corruption in public and private life, snobbery and "Euromania".

The performance has been adapted and arranged by Dr Percy Young, honorary director of music at Birmingham University where the composer was the first professor of music. The programme will also include some of Elgar's best known songs. *The Spanish Lady* is only rarely performed but is said to contain some of the composer's most beautiful melodies. It will be staged by Opera Interludes at Madresfield Court, a country house built for the Lygon family near Malvern in about 1400. Elgar was a frequent guest of the family at an early stage in his career. He was a friend of Lady Mary Lygon who, with her brother the 7th Earl Beauchamp, established the Madresfield Music Festival.

A champagne reception and supper will complete the evening on September 28 which is designed to raise money for the construction and endowment of a new Elgar centre on land adjacent to the cottage where he was born.

The Prince of Wales is patron of the Elgar Foundation which maintains the cottage as a museum. The centre will be built in a style to harmonise with it. The building will include a library and study area, a manuscript room together with lecture and recital facilities.

□ An Arts and Crafts grand piano, the last major piece of furniture produced by Morris & Co, has been rediscovered and will be sold next month exactly a century after work on it began in London.

Decorated with delicately painted cow parsley and peonies, scrolling vines in painted and gilded gesso, it was the last of six instruments produced by the influential design firm founded by William Morris (1834-1896).

One is now in the Victoria and Albert Museum, South Kensington. The "new" example, unrecognised by its present owner who received it as a wedding present about 40 years ago, will be sold at Phillips in London on October 15. It is expected to make £40,000.

Weekend birthdays

TODAY: Mr Ian Albery, impresario, 55; Mr Austen Albu, former MP, 88; Lord Barnard, 68; Mr Leonard Cohen, singer and poet, 57; Mrs Shirley Conran, writer, 59; Mr William Dacombe, banker, 57; Miss Mary Fetherston-Dilke, former matron-in-chief, QARNNS, 73; Miss Susan Fleetwood, actress, 47; General Sir John Gibbon, 74; Mr Larry Hagman, actor, 60; Professor J.M. Ham, electrical engineer, 71; Mr John Hoddinott, chief constable, Hampshire, 47; Lord Ironside, 67; Mr Robert Lawrence, chief constable, South Wales, 49; Mr R.E. Liddiard, former director, Lyon Mark Holdings, 74; Professor Sir Hugh Lloyd-Jones, Professor of Greek, 69; Sir Ian MacGregor, former chairman, National Coal Board, 79; Sir Peter Matthews, company director, 69; Mr Anthony Millard, headmaster, Wycliffe College, Gloucestershire, 43; Sir William Nield, civil servant, 78; Miss Jean Robertson, former matron-in-chief, QARNNS, 63; Mr John Smith, deputy commissioner, Metropolitan Police, 53; Mr Trevor Steven, footballer, 28; Sir Brian Unwin, chairman, Board of HM Customs and Excise, 56; Professor Bernard Williams, philosopher, 62; Mr Jimmy Young, broadcaster, 68.

TOMORROW: Dr Dannie Abse, poet, 68; Sir George Cartland, former vice-chancellor, University of Tazmania, 79; Miss Maria Charles, actress, 62; Dr David Drewry, director, British Antartic Survey, 44; Professor S.E. Finer, former Professor of Government, 76; Mr William Franklyn, actor, 65; Miss Gina Fratini, fashion designer, 60; Mr Colin Graham, opera director, 60; the Earl of Guilford, 58; Sir James Henry, former chairman, Foreign Compensation Commission, 80; Professor Sir Frederick Holliday, former vice-chancellor, Durham University, 56; Mr Graham Jones, headmaster, Repton School, 47; Miss Deborah Lavin, principal, Trevelyan College, Durham, 52; Professor Norbert Lynton, art historian, 64; Sir Charles Mander, company chairman, 70; Sir Nigel Mobbs, chairman, Slough Estates, 54; Lord Moran, 67; Captain Mark Phillips, 43; Lord Saye and Sele, 71; Colonel Sir Joseph Weld, former Lord Lieutenant of Dorset, 82; Mrs Fay Weldon, writer, 60; Sir John Wickerson, former president, Law Society, 54; the Hon George Younger, MP, 60.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr M.C.F. Brown and Señorita J.B. Veloso Carrasco
The engagement is announced between Malcolm Christopher Fox, elder son of Mr and Mrs C.M.E. Brown, of Liss, Hampshire, and Julieta Beatriz, daughter of Señor Victor Veloso and Señora Maria Georgina Carrasco de Veloso, of Santiago, Chile.

Mr R.K.H. Jack and Miss G.M. Jennings
The engagement is announced between Richard, eldest son of Mr and Mrs Kenneth Jack, of Pipewell, Kettering, Northamptonshire, and Geraldine, daughter of Mr and Mrs David Jennings, of Lansing, Michigan, USA.

Mr D.A. Kok and Miss C.H. Lewis
Mr and Mrs Ray Lewis, of Plas-y-Ddualit, Maentwrog, have pleasure in announcing the engagement of their daughter Claire Helen to Darrell Andrew, son of Mr Alexander Kok and Mrs Ysobel Latham.

Mr C.L. Mumford and Miss P.J. Green
The engagement is announced between Christopher, younger son of the Right Rev Peter and Mrs Mumford, of Zeals, Wiltshire, and Jill, only daughter of Mr and Mrs Vincent Green, of Spindle Hill, Stafford.

Mr J.M. Norris and Miss L.S. Briscoe
The engagement is announced between Johnathan, elder son of Mr and Mrs Michael J. Norris, of Brinkley, Southwell, Nottinghamshire, and Lucy, second daughter of Mr and Mrs Christopher Briscoe, of Budleigh Salterton, Devon.

Mr R.G. Parsons and Miss S.J. Cox
The engagement is announced between Robert, son of Mr and Mrs David Parsons, of Frimley, Surrey, and Sara, daughter of Mrs Pamela Cox, of Orpington, Kent.

Mr T. Plewman and Miss T.J. Fleming
The engagement is announced between Thomas, younger son of Mr C. Plewman and Mrs J. Truswell, of Johannesburg, South Africa, and Theresa, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs J. Fleming, of Dulwich, London.

Mr W.J. Rees and Miss J.E. Brook
The engagement is announced between William John, son of Mr and Mrs H.J. Rees, of Littleport, Cambridgeshire, and Joanne Ellen, daughter of Mr and Mrs F. Brook, of Morpeth, Northumberland.

Mr R.E.T. Turnbull and Miss D.E. Whitehouse
The engagement is announced between Bobby, elder son of Mr and Mrs Anthony Turnbull, of Cobham, Surrey, and Denise, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs Ronald Whitehouse, of Bexley, Kent.

Mr K.J. Walke and Miss R.A. Kirby
The engagement is announced between Kevin John, only son of Mr and Mrs J. Walke, of Abbots Leigh, Bristol, and Rebecca Anne, third daughter of the Reverend and Mrs M.W.H. Kirby, of Frensham, Surrey.

Mr S.J. Woodward and Dr P.J. Smith
The engagement is announced between Stephen, elder son of Mr and Mrs Michael Woodward, of Plymouth, and Philippa, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Peter Smith, of Plymouth.

Anniversaries

Today
BIRTHS: Girolamo Savonarola, preacher and martyr, Ferrara, Italy, 1452; John Home, dramatist, Leith, 1722; John McAdam, inventor of the road surface of that name, Ayr, 1756; Louis Bonaparte, king of Holland 1806-10, Ajaccio, Corsica, 1778; Sir Edmund Gosse, critic, London, 1849; H.G. Wells, novelist, Bromley, Kent, 1866; Gustav Holst, composer, Cheltenham, 1874; Sir Allen Lane, publisher, founder of Penguin Books (1936), Bristol, 1902.

DEATHS: Virgil, Brundisium (Brindisi), 19 BC; Edward II, reigned 1307-27, murdered, Berkeley Castle, Gloucs, 1937; Sir Walter Scott, Abbotsford, Borders, 1832; Lord George Bentinck, sportsman and statesman, Welbeck Abbey, Notts, 1848; Arthur Schopenhauer, philosopher, Frankfurt, 1860; Sir Montague Burton, multiple tailor, Leeds, 1952; Haakon VII, king of Norway 1905-57, 1957; Henri di Montherlant, novelist and dramatist, Paris, 1972.

Prince Charles Edward defeated the English at the battle of Prestonpans, 1745. The gold standard was abandoned, 1931. Malta GC was proclaimed independent.

Tomorrow
BIRTHS: Anne of Cleves, fourth wife of Henry VIII, 1515; Philip Dormer Stanhope, 4th Earl of Chesterfield, statesman and writer, London, 1694; Michael Faraday, chemist, London, 1791; Dame Christabel Pankhurst, suffragette, Manchester, 1880; Sir George Stapledon, pioneer of grassland science, Northam, Devon, 1882; Erich von Stroheim, actor and film director, Vienna, 1885; Paul Muni, actor, Lemberg, Austria, 1895.

DEATHS: Johann Agricola, Lutheran reformer, Berlin, 1566; Ivan Vazov, poet, Sofia, 1921; Sir Charles Santley, baritone, London, 1922; Frederick Soddy, chemist, Nobel laureate 1921, Brighton, 1956; Oliver St John Gogarty, surgeon and writer, New York, 1957; Irving Berlin, song writer, 1989.

The coronation of George III, 1761. Proclamation of the French Republic, 1792. Commercial television began in Britain: the first advertisement – Gibbs SR toothpaste, 1955.

The Manorial Society of Great Britain

The Manorial Society of Great Britain is holding its annual conference today and tomorrow at Keble College, Oxford, presided over by Mr Robert Smith, Chairman, and members of the Governing Council, Lord Sudeley, Sir Colin Cole (Garter King of Arms), Mr Cecil Humphery-Smith, Mr Gerald F. Rand, and Mr Denis Woodfield (US Chairman). Guests include Lord and Lady De Freyne, Dr G.B. Richardson (Warden of Keble College), Dr M. Bailey, Mr J. Bond, Dr P. Brandon, Dr M. Costen, Professor C. Dyer, Mr V. Gray, Mr J. Moore, Mrs E. Porges-Watson.

University news

Glasgow
The Rev John Riches to be Professor of Divinity and Biblical Criticism.

Service reception

RAF Strike Command
Air Chief Marshal Sir Michael Graydon, Air Officer Commanding-in-Chief RAF Strike Command, and Lady Graydon received the guests at the annual reception of the Headquarters Strike Command held yesterday at RAF High Wycombe.

Dinner

Bankers' Taxation Circle
Mr Victor Clements was the guest speaker at a dinner of the Bankers' Taxation Circle held last night at 440 Strand. Mr P. Randall, president, was in the chair.

Reception

Clayesmore School
Mr David Beeby, Headmaster of Clayesmore School, gave a reception yesterday at the school after General Sir Peter de la Billière had delivered the annual Clayesmore lecture.

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Judge scorns proposal for court reform

By Frances Gibb
Legal Affairs Correspondent

SENIOR high court judge ... condemned ... proposals for reforming the ... Judges are appointed and ... new supreme court to ... of the House of Lords as ... towards safety and ... only marginal ...

Lord Hoffmann said ... proposals for judges to ... as a Judicial ... Commission could ... the selection of "com... candidates – not the ... the one to whom ... is least objection".

His comments came a ... held by the ... Public Policy ... to debate its proposa... this week for a ... constitution ... Bill of Rights and ... reform of the selection ...

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Church services tomorrow

Seventeeth Sunday after Trinity

CANTERBURY CATHEDRAL: 8 HC; 9.30 M. Rev Dr A Ballinger; 11 S Euch. Missa in honorem S. Dominici (Ribera), Love hath we Responses (Taverner, Mr J Ellis; 5.15 E. world (Vaughan Williams), Rev Dr W H Vanstone; 6.30 Sermon & Compline. The Precentor.

YORK MINSTER: 8 & 8.45 HC; 10 S Euch. Missa Brevis (Mozart), Canon R Mayland; 11.30 M. Responses (Smith), Stanford in B flat, Canon J Armstrong; 4 E. Dyson in D. Lord, I call upon thee (Balfour-Gardiner), Very Rev J Southgate.

ST PAUL'S CATHEDRAL: 8 HC; 10.30 M. Te Deum and Jubilate (Bairstow) to A.L. Canon (Stanford), Faetum ergo (Durufle); 3.15 E. The Glorious Service (Goudge), I wrestled for the Lord (Mendelssohn), Rev P. Prichard.

WESTMINSTER ABBEY: 8 HC; 10 M. Ireland To Deum in C, O pray for the peace of Jerusalem (Howells), Rev D A Wagner; 11.15 Abbey Euch. Missa brevis (Goodson), Canon D Gray; 3 E. Stanford in A. Sing joyfully (Byrd), Canon P Bates; 5.45 Organ recital; 6.30 ES; Canon P Bates.

SOUTHWARK CATHEDRAL: 9 HC; 11 Euch. Missa Aeterna Christi munera (Palestrina), Love bade me welcome (Vaughan Williams), Ubi caritas (Durufle), Canon G Parrott; 3 E. Colegium Regale (Howells), Blessed city (Bairstow), Rev M Wood.

WESTMINSTER CATHEDRAL: 7; 8, 9 12, 5.30 & 7 Mass; 10.30 M. Mass for five voices (Byrd), O clap your hands together (Gibbons), O sacrum convivium (Duruflé), Prelude & Fugue in C major (Bach), 2.30 Organ recital; 3.30 Solemn V & B. Magnificat septimi toni (Lassus), Christus factus est (Tavener), Trio Sonata V - Adagio (Bach).

ST GEORGE'S CATHEDRAL, Southwark: 6 LM (Sat); 8, 10 (Children) & 6 LM; 11.30 HM. Fr M Mac An Bheatha.

GREEK ORTHODOX CATHEDRAL OF THE DIVINE WISDOM, Moscow Rd, W2: 9.30 M; 11 Divine Liturgy.

RUSSIAN ORTHODOX CATHEDRAL OF THE DORMITION OF THE MOTHER OF GOD, Ennismore Gdns, SW7: 10.30 Divine Liturgy.

SERBIAN ORTHODOX CATHEDRAL OF ST SAVVA, Lancaster Rd, W1: 10.30 Divine Liturgy.

QUEEN'S CHAPEL OF THE SAVOY, WC2: Services resume in October.

ROYAL NAVAL COLLEGE CHAPEL, Greenwich, 11 S Euch. Locus iste (Bruckner), When the Lord turned again (Balfen), The Chaplain.

GUARDS CHAPEL, Wellington Barracks, SW1: 11 M. The Lord is precious (Thalben Ball), Benedictus, De Valentiner (Schutz), The Chaplain; 12 HC.

GRAY'S INN CHAPEL: Services resume on October 6.

LINCOLN'S INN CHAPEL: Services resume on October 15.

TOWER OF LONDON, EC3: 9.15 HC; 11 M. Responses (Leighton), Te Deum, Jubilate (Martin Shaw), O sacra lux de lumine (Tallis), **TEMPLE CHURCH,** Fleet Street, EC4: Services resume on October 6.

ST CLEMENT DANES (RAF Church) WC2: 9 HC; 11 MP. Rev A T R Goode; 12.15 HC.

CHAPEL ROYAL (Hampton Court Palace): 8.30 HC; 11 M, Noble is the mansion (Parr out O land (Elgar); 3.30 E. The eyes of all (Harris), Blair in B minor, The wilderness (Goss).

ALL HALLOWS BY THE TOWER: 11 S Euch, Rev Canon S Van Dalfsen.

ALL SAINTS, Margaret Street, W1: 8 & 5.15 LM; 11 HM, Collegium Regale (Howells), Almighty God the fountain of all wisdom (Tomkins), The Vicar; 4 EP.

ALL SOULS, Langham Place, W1: 11 Rev G Osei-Mensah; 6.30 Rev Dr J Stott.

CHELSEA OLD CHURCH, Cheyne Walk, SW3: 8 & 12 HC; 11 Children's Service; 12 M. Rev J H L Cross; 6 S. Rev D N Reyroa.

CHRIST CHURCH, CHELSEA, SW3: 8 HC; 11 S Euch, Canon A Gibson.

GROSVENOR CHAPEL, South Audley Street: 8.15 HC; 11 S Euch, Missa Brevis in D (Mozart), Many waters cannot quench love (Ireland), Prelude on Gibbons' Song (Ireland), Rev A W Marks.

HOLY TRINITY, Brompton Road, SW7: 10.30 Family HC, Rev J A K Millar; 6.30 Informal Service, Rev J A K Millar.

HOLY TRINITY, Prince Consort Road, SW7: 8.30 & 12.05 HC; 11 Choral MP, Rev Dr M Ingram.

HOLY TRINITY, Sloane Street, SW1: 8.45 HC; 11 S Euch, Rev K Yates.

ST ALBANS, Brooke St, EC1: 9.30 SM; 11 HM, Missa Cum Jubilo (Dumisle), Preb J Gledhill; 6.30 LM.

ST BARTHOLOMEW THE GREAT, Smithfield, EC1: 9 HC; 11 S Euch, Missa O Quam Gloriosum (Victoria), A. O Quam Gloriosum (Victoria), Rev A Winter; 3.30 E. Twelve Noble Service (Rideout), A. Beata quorum via, (Stanford), Rev A Wroker.

ST BRIDE'S, Fleet Street, EC4: 11 Choral M & Euch, Ireland in F, Missa aeterna Christi munera (Palestrina), Rev Canon J Robinson; 6.30 S Euch, Responses (Sumsion), Gray in F minor, I will love thee (Kalinnikov), Rev Canon Robinson.

ST CLEMENT'S, Philbeach Gardens SW5: 10 HC; 11 S Euch, Missa Brevis Cavalla Regalis (A. Caesar), Ave, Verum Corpus (Mozart), Fr Bill.

ST GEORGE'S, Bloomsbury, WC1: 10 Parish Communion; 6.30 E. Fr M Day.

ST GEORGE'S, Hanover Square, W1: 8.30 HC; 11 S Euch, Missa Brevis (Williams), A. O Thou the Central Orb (Darke), Rev G D Watkins.

ST GILES-IN-THE-FIELDS, St Giles High St, WC2: 8 & 12 HC; 11 MP; 6.30 EP, Rev G Taylor.

ST JAMES'S, Muswell Hill, N10: 8 HC; 10.30 MP, Rev J Wood; 6.30 EP, Rev C Williams.

ST JAMES'S, Piccadilly, W1: 8.30 HC; 11 S Euch; 6.45 EP.

ST JAMES'S, Sussex Gardens, W2: 10.30 S Euch, Little Organ Mass (Haydn), Ave Verum (Gounod), Rev B Galloway; 6 E. In trouble and in grief (Persone), Fazzoletto (Tallis), Salvator Mundi (Tallis), Rev G Buckle.

ST JOHN'S, Hyde Park Crescent, W2: 10 Parish Communion, Rev O Bess; 6.30 ES, Men's Common, St John's 24th Horseman's Sunday with the blessing of 100 horses.

ST JOHN THE BAPTIST, Holland Rd, W14: 10 Mass (Latin); 11 SM, D G Bright; 5 V & B.

ST JOHN'S WOOD CHURCH, NW8: 8 HC; 9.30 Parish Communion; 11 S Euch, Missa Secundi Toni (Lassa), Tantum Ergo (Duruflé).

ST LUKE'S, Chelsea, SW3: 10.30 MP, Lord we beseech thee (Byrd); Rev D Watson; 6.30 E. Let thy hand be strengthened (Blow).

ST MARK'S, Regents Park Rd, NW1: 8 HC; 10 Family HC; 11 S Euch, Missa O Quam Gloriosum (Victoria), O Quam Gloriosum (Victoria); Rev S Ioannia, Valens.

ST MARTIN-IN-THE-FIELDS, WC2: 8 HC; 9.45 Euch, St Martin's Service (Stringer), Gemitori gemitogue (Victoria), Ave verum (Byrd), Magnificat 11.30 Visitors to London Service, Responses (Rose), Set me as a seal (Walton), Factum est silencium (Dering), Rev M Hawcroft; 2.45 Chinese Service (EP), Rev G Lee; 5.6 Euch, Responses (Rose), Gloucester Service (Howells), O clap your hands (Gibbons); 6.30 ES, Rev Vicar.

ST MARY ABBOTS, Kensington, W8: 8 & 12.30 HC; 9.30 S Euch, Rev F Gelli; 11.15 M, The Vicar; 6.30 E, The Vicar.

ST MARY'S, Bourne Street, SW1: 9, 9.45 & 7 LM; 11 HM, Missa solemnis in C (Aiblard), Psalms set alternate (Dering), I heard a voice (Wesley), Prelude and Fugue in A minor (Bach), Rev R Horne; 4 Solemn E & B.

ST MARY'S, Princess Hill, NW8: 8 HC; 10.30 Parish Euch, Missa Theira pasua, Rev J Oyesina.

ST MARYLEBONE, Marylebone Road, W1: 8 HC; 11 S Euch, Missa solemnelle (Dumont), I was glad (Parry), Rev C Hamel Cooke; 6.30 EP.

ST MARY-LE-STRAND (WRNS Church), Strand WC2: 11 Sung Communion, Rev Prof J R Porter.

ST MATTHEW'S, Great Peter St, SW1: 10 SM, Missa: Martin Shaw, Rev M Hayes; 6.30 LM.

ST MICHAEL'S, Chester Square, SW1: 8.15 HC; 11 MP, Rev D C L Prior; 7 Informal ES & HC, Rev D C L Prior.

ST MICHAEL'S, Cornhill, EC3: 11 Choral M, Responses (Leighton), Be strong and of a good courage (Dyson), Lauds in D, Greater love hath no man (Ireland), Rev J Scott; 12 HC.

ST PAUL'S, Onslow Square, SW7: 10.30 Family HC; 6.30 Informal Service.

ST PAUL'S, Wilton Place, SW1: 8 & 9 HC; 11 Solemn Euch, Missa Deus Misereator (Lloyd), Thou will I love, my God and King (Howells), Adoro te (da Penalosa), Rev D Burton Evans.

ST PETER'S, Eaton Square, SW1: 8.15 HC; 10 Family Mass; 11 SM, Missa Vigi speciosam (Victoria), Gloria (Weelkes), Fr A Buck.

ST SIMON ZELOTES, Milner Street, SW3: 8 HC; 12 MP, Kyrie in E flat, Though I speak with the tongues of men (Bairstow), Rev G James, 6.30 E, Rev G James.

ST STEPHEN'S, Gloucester Road, SW7: 8 & 9 LM; 11 HM, Communion Service (Clarke), These hours (Adrian Croft), I do believe (Adrian Croft), Fr J Towers; 6 Solemn E & B, Fr N Cocking.

ST WILDAST, Fosmar Lane, EC2: 11 Sung Mass, Rev R Avent.

ST COLUMBA'S CHURCH OF SCOTLAND, Pont Street, SW1: 11 Rev J H McIndoe; 3 "A Diamond Jubilee Celebration of Thanksgiving and Rededication". All friends of the National Trust for Scotland welcome.

CROWN COURT CHURCH OF SCOTLAND, Covent Garden, WC2: 11.15 Rev H G Ross.

THE ASSUMPTION, Warwick Street, W1: 11 Missa for four (Monteverdi), Ave Maria (Arcadelt), O vos omnes (Bordogni), Rev Canon Gilbert.

CHURCH OF OUR LADY, Lisson Grove, St John's Wood: 10.45, Missa assumpta est Maria (Palestrina).

FARM STREET, W1: 7.30, 8.30, 10, 12.15, 6.15, 8.15 LM; 11 HM.

THE ORATORY, Brompton Road, SW7: 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, Missa aeterna Christi munera (Palestrina), Iesanne et vange curae (Handl: 12.30, 6.30, 7 Mass: 3.30 V & B, Caro mea (Guerrero).

ST ETHELDREDA'S, Ely Place: 11 Sung Mass, Mass in B flat (Mozart), Sanctis (Bach).

ST MARY'S, Cadogan Street, SW3: 8.30 MM; 10, 11 Mass in honour of St Cecilia, Sacred Quorum Via (Stanford), Bone Pastor (Tallis), 12.15 & 6.30.

AMERICAN CHURCH IN LONDON, Tottenham Court Rd, W1: 9.45 Sunday School; 11 Worship, Rev R Allison.

CITY TEMPLE, Holborn, EC1: 10.30, Mrs Helen MacDonald.

CHELSEA METHODIST CHURCH, King's Road, SW3: 11, Mr Jeremy Clarke; 6, Rev M Bradley.

HINDE STREET METHODIST CHURCH, W1: 11, Rev D Cruise; 6.30 Rev D Cruise & Rev P Hoar.

KENSINGTON TEMPLE, (Charismatic), Notting Hill Gate, W11: 9 & 11, Wynne Lewis; 2.30 Family Service, Colin Dye; 6.30, Celebration, Colin Dye; 9, Chris Thomas.

KENSINGTON URC, Allen Street, W8: 11 & 6.30, Rev P Lovell.

REGENT SQUARE URC (Presbyterian/Congregational), Tavistock Place, WC1: 11, Mr Jonathon Hyde; 6.30 Rev Dr R Eccles.

SALVATION ARMY (Regent Hall), Oxford St, W1: 11, Major C Hunt; 6.30 Mrs Major M Hunt.

ST ANDREW'S URC, Frognal Lane NW3: 11 Rev Dr P Morgan.

ST ANNE AND ST AGNES (Lutheran), Gresham St, EC2: 11 Choral HC, Rev R T Stephens; 7 Choral Vespers, Litany of the Angels (Ledochowska), Rev W D Swanson.

ST JOHN'S WOOD URC, NW8: 11 MS, Rev Dr D T Jenkins.

WESLEY'S CHAPEL, City Road, EC2: 9.45 HC; 11 MS, Rev P Bulmer.

WESTMINSTER CENTRAL HALL (Methodist), SW1: 11 & 6.30, Rev Dr R J Tudor.

WESTMINSTER CHAPEL, Buckingham Gate, SW1: 11 & 6.30, Rev Dr R T Kendall.

WESTMINSTER MEETING (SOCIETY OF FRIENDS (Quakers), 52 St Martins La WC2: 11, Meeting for worship.

Church news

The Rt Rev Robert Beak, Assistant Bishop in the diocese of Mount Kenya East until his retirement, is to be an Honorary Assistant Bishop, diocese Derby.

Clergy Appointments

Next Archdeacon of Sudbury

The Rev Canon Richard Garrard, Canon Residentiary of St Edmundsbury Cathedral and Diocesan Adviser for Clergy Training, to be Archdeacon of Sudbury. (St Edmundsbury and Ipswich).

The Rev Michael Banks, Vicar, Langham, St Luke, to be also Assistant Rural Dean of Luton (St Albans).

The Rev Edmund Betts, Team Rector, Haverhill Team Ministry, to be Rural Dean of Clare (St Edmundsbury and Ipswich).

The Rev Anthony Billett, Curate, St Peter Mancroft, Norwich, to be Vicar, Stalham w. East Ruston and Brumstead (Norwich).

The Rev Canon Herbert Bradbury, Vicar, Wroxham w. Hoveton and Belaugh, and Rural Dean of Tunstead: to be Rector, Great Massingham w. Little Massingham and Harpley (Norwich).

The Rev Richard Buckley, Rector, Adwick-le-Street: to be half-time Vicar, Holy Trinity, Wentworth, and half-time Christian Aid Secretary for Sheffield and Rotherham (Sheffield).

The Rev Fergus B Cappie, Curate, East Ham Team Ministry: to be Team Vicar, St Mary Magdalene, East Ham Team Ministry (Chelmsford).

The Rev Canon Guy Cornwall-Jones, Rector, St Mark's, Bilton: to be Priest-in-charge, All Saints, Leek Wootton, Warwick (Coventry).

The Rev Michael Cross, Vicar, Morland, Thrimby and Great Strickland: to be also Rural Dean of Appleby (Carlisle).

The Rev Martyn Doughty, Curate, St Luke, Sissemore: to be Team Vicar, Basingstoke (Winchester).

The Rev Canon Norman Edmondson, Honorary Canon of Durham: to be Honorary Canon Emeritus (Durham).

My son, do not spurn the Lord's correction or recoil from his reproof: for those whom the Lord loves he reproves, and he punishes the son who is dear to him. Proverbs 3:12 REB

BIRTHS

AARON - On September 19th, at the Humana Hospital Wellington, to David and Varda, a son, Jonathan.

ALIZADEH - On August 13th 1991, to Elizabeth (née Bergl) and Babak, a son, Arya Maurice.

BOARDMAN - On September 14th 1991, to Melanie (née Collins) and Edward, a daughter, Alexandra Elisabeth, a sister for Georgina Rose.

CONLON - On July 17th 1991 at Liverpool Maternity Hospital, to Penelope (née Brown) and Richard, a son, Benjamin Hanson, a brother for Rebecca Mary.

COWAN - On September 19th, to Hanny (née Khan) and David, a son, David Anthony. Very grateful thanks to my consultant and staff at the Portland Hospital.

DAMJANOVIC - On September 9th 1991, in Porismouth, to Anita (nee Caulo) and Robert, a daughter, Hannah Leonor.

DAVEY - On September 14th, to Kerstin (née Morris) and Richard, a wonderful son, Thomas.

de MEO - On September 20th, at Odstock Hospital, Salisbury, to Anne (nee Robbins) and Justin, a son, Jamie Alexander, a brother for Simon and William.

HILL - On September 17th, to Colette (née Drummond) and Owen, a son, Hamish.

HOLLAND - On September 19th 1991, at Peterborough Maternity Unit, to Phillipa (née Tate) and Christopher, a daughter, Emily Grace.

INSALL - On September 14th 1991, in Sydney, to Brigitte (née Pers) and Howard, a daughter, Briony Kincaid.

JAMES - On September 19th, at Northampton, to Jane (nee Briggs) and Jimmy, a daughter, Charlotte Janet Cecilia.

JANSEN - On September 19th, at The Portland Hospital, to Jacqueline and Bert, a son, Tim Alexandre, a brother for Marc-Andre.

STEWART-MOORE - On September 13th, at St George's, Tooting, to Jill (née Baker) and James Oliver Stewart-Moore, a son.

WOOD - On September 19th, in Houston, Texas, to Helen (née Lamacraft) and Richard, a son, Henry William Thomas, a brother for Jonathan and Robin.

MARRIAGES

HASSELL:CLARK - The marriage took place on September 11th, at Mahé, Seychelles, of James Christopher Barclay Hassell, son of Brian and Kathleen, and Janet Ann Clark, daughter of John and Joan.

DEATHS

ADAMS - On September 18th 1991, suddenly at home, John Charles Adams, 58, Photographer, philosopher, tenor, wit, raconteur, bon vivant. Adored and sadly missed, but reassured by his contentment in the certain knowledge of his next life.

CROSS - On September 18th, suddenly, Albert Howell, at Warkworth, aged 88. Very dearly loved husband of Molly and a devoted father and grandfather. Donations in lieu if desired to St Oswald Hospice, Regents Avenue, Newcastle upon Tyne.

FISCHER-WILLIAMS - On September 19th, peacefully at her home in New York, Barbara, eldest daughter of Sir John Fischer-Williams.

FLEMING-JONES - On Friday September 20th, peacefully at home in Oughterard, David, dear husband of Pat and much loved father of David, Jane, Judith and Christopher. Family flowers only.

GARSTANG - On September 19th, peacefully at home, W.L. (Tim) aged 83 years, of Cheltenham, husband of Barbara (Bobbie).

HOLIDAY - On September 12th 1991, Peter Stanley, peacefully at home. Sadly missed by family and friends. Funeral Directors E. Larner & Sons, tel: (071) 223-5432.

KEMBLE - On September 19th, peacefully at home, Cdr. T.P. Kenneth, adored husband of Hélène and father of Derris. Very much loved friend and grandfather to Charles, Celia and Susan Funeral private.

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LONG - On September 19th, Audrey, peacefully at the Wessex Nuffield Hospital, Chandlers Ford, after a long illness.

MOUNT HAES - On September 19th, peacefully, Eileen Marjorie, aged 88, widow of Captain Eric Mount Haes, R.N, much loved mother and grandmother. Funeral private. Thanksgiving Service at St Margaret's Church, Chilmark, Salisbury, Wilts., on Friday October 11th at 12.30 pm.

ROBERTSON - On September 19th 1991 peacefully at home, Major Donald Struan, late Scots Guards. Husband of Joan, father of Christian, Alexandra and Lucinda, and the late Melville. Funeral Thursday September 26th, 12 noon at St Mary's, Winkfield. Family flowers only. Donations, if desired, to the Melville Memorial Trust for Cancer Research, Medical School, Dundee University, or to Scots Guards Charitable Fund, H.Q. Welling Barracks. No memorial service at his request.

ROBSON - On September 19th, peacefully at home in Guernsey, Elizabeth Kathleen (née Reckitt) beloved mother of James Holt and Annabel Shaw and stepmother of William Robson.

SCHWARZENBERGER - On September 20th, at home, Georg, Professor Emeritus of International Law in the University of London, for 60 years the much loved husband of Suse; father, grandfather and great-grandfather of Rolph, Paul, Alan and Darien. Cremation private.

WILKINSON - On September 18th, peacefully in hospital, Lady Eileen Patricia, beloved wife of Philip, loving mother of Anne, Peter and Susan and also a dear grandmother. Service at the Chilterns Crematorium, Amersham, on Wednesday September 25th at 12 noon followed by Service of Thanksgiving at Union Baptist Church, Easton Street, High Wycombe at 1 pm. Family flowers only. Donations if desired to Imperial Cancer Research Fund, PO Box 123, London WC2A 3PX.

WORTHINGTON - On Thursday September 19th 1991, after an illness bravely endured, at his home in Elie, Fife, Hugh Law Booth Worthington, most beloved husband of Judy and father of Sarah. Funeral Service in Kirkcaldy Crematorium on Monday September 23rd at 1pm, to which all relatives and friends are respectfully invited. No flowers or letters please, but donations if desired to Cancer Research.

IN MEMORIAM – PRIVATE

FRIGENTI - Ninette. 22nd September 1986. Always now and forever more in my heart and in my thoughts, cherie. Treasured memories of your sweet love, your never ceasing care of everything and of us all, your constant devotion and your wonderful exhilarating presence, abide with me, but my sorrow is continually before me. The greater the love the greater the grief. You live in the hearts of all the family here and in Italy who love and miss you always. A Riverderci cherie. ILYVVMMD.

LAKIN - Pamela Mary Helen who died on September 21st, 1981. Adored wife of Barklie and mother of Robin, Mark, Amanda, Julian, Caroline and Serena. "To live in hearts we leave behind is not to die"

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NOTTING HILL W11.

BBC 1

6.00 Ceefax 7.25 News with Chris Lowe
7.30 Ovide. Animated adventures of a duck-billed platypus (r) **7.40 Opposites Attract.** A new 15-part nature series for children **7.50 The Jetsons.** Space age cartoon (r) **8.15 Chuckledvision.** New comedy series starring the Chuckle brothers, in this episode hired to fix a fountain (s) **8.35 Dungeons and Dragons** (r)
9.00 Going Live! Sarah Greene and Philip Schofield present a new series of the children's show. Special guests include Rick Parfitt and Francis Rossi of Status Quo, actress Lesley Joseph and golfer Nick Faldo. Live music will be provided by Kylie Minogue and Bros (s) **12.12 Weather**
12.15 Grandstand introduced by Bob Wilson. The line-up is (subject to alteration): **12.20** Football: a review of the week's European competitions involving British clubs; **12.40, 1.05** and **1.35** Volleyball: the Royal Bank cup final between Great Britain and Canada at Aston Villa Leisure Centre; **1.00 News; 1.25, 2.00, 2.35, 3.10** and **3.55** Racing from Newbury and the Curragh (the Irish St Leger at 3.55); **2.10** and **2.45** Motor Racing: round 11 of the Esso British touring car championship and round 14 of the British formula three championship from Donington Park; **3.20** and **4.00** Golf: the third round of the Epson grand prix from St Pierre Golf and Country club, Chepstow; **3.50** Football half-times; **4.35** Final Score
5.00 News and weather **5.10 Regional news** and sport. Wales (to 5.45): Wales on Saturday
5.15 One to Win. Andrew O'Connor hosts a new quiz series in which three contestants compete for a luxury holiday (Ceefax) (s)
5.45 Only Fools and Horses: Yesterday Never Comes. In this episode of John Sullivan's peerless comedy Del (David Jason) causes a family rift when he dabbles in the antiques business. (r). (Ceefax)
6.15 Bruce Forsyth's Generation Game. Four families compete for the prizes on the conveyor belt. (Ceefax) (s)
7.15 Challenge Anneka. The hyperactive Miss Rice is challenged to organise a street party. Among the requirements are 1,000 tons of stone, 600 tons of Tarmac and 100 assorted cakes. (Ceefax) (s)
8.05 Birds of a Feather. Sharp and cheeky comedy about two sisters coping with life while their husbands serve prison sentences. Tracey (Linda Robson) agrees to give up one of her prison visits so that her in-laws can visit their son. With Pauline Quirke and Lesley Joseph (Ceefax) (s)
8.35 The House of Elliott. Episode four of the polished period drama set in 1920s London and following the fortunes of two sisters in the fashion trade. In tonight's episode their half-brother Sebastian's surprise visit catches the sisters off-guard. Starring Stella Gonet and Louise Lombard (Ceefax) (s)
9.30 News with Michael Buerk. (Ceefax) Sport and weather



Irreverent humorists: Clive James with Mel Brooks (9.50pm)

9.50 Saturday Night Clive.
● CHOICE: As a television critic Clive James was usually at his most effective rubbishing rubbish and *Saturday Night Clive* is based on much the same premise. James is a formidable wit but the show tends to aim at easy targets. There is a limit to which badness can be funny, however much it is garnished with James's jokes. All the same it is comforting to know that whatever we think of British television, other people's television is often a lot worse. James's best contributions are those that come straight from him, such as his send-up of the week's news, instead of riding on the back of Japanese game shows. The studio guests are often good value, though some may feel that a little of Mel Brooks, tonight's star turn, goes rather a long way. It remains to be seen what the switch to a prime slot on BBC1 will do for the ratings, which in the relative ghetto of BBC2 achieved a healthy five million
10.35 Film: Hostile Witness (1968) starring Sam Waterson, Robert Davi and Joe Morton. A powerful TV movie, the last by the writer/producer team of William Link and the late Richard Levinson, about a Middle Eastern terrorist who is kidnapped by American soldiers and taken to the United States to face trial for murder. A battle of wills ensues between the prosecuting lawyer, the Palestinian soldier on trial and the liberal Jewish lawyer assigned to defend him. Directed by Jeff Bleckner. (Ceefax)
12.45am Weather
NB: (s) indicates stereo

BBC 2

6.50 Open University: Maths – Modelling Pollution **7.15** Maths: Energy Through the Window **7.40** Maths: Finding One's Bearings **8.05** Computers: Controlling the Sky **8.30** Education: What Can I Do? **8.55** Science: Fires of Life **9.20** The Physics of White Dwarf Stars **9.45** Mental Handicap: Finding a Voice **10.10** Images: Albert Crewe's Atom **10.35** Social Science: Immigration, Prejudice and Ethnicity **11.25** Curriculum and Learning: Changing the World **11.50** Instruments Under Wraps **12.15** Teaching Mathematics **12.40** Power and Vision: The West and the Rest **1.05** Nuclear Proliferation **1.30** Modern Art: Duchamp **1.55** Culture and Belief in Europe 1450-1600 **2.20** The History of Mathematics: Liberation of Algebra
2.45 Mahabharat. Episode 64 of the Indian epic. In Hindi with English subtitles
3.25 Film: Trio (1950, b/w). Efficient screen adaptation of three short stories by Somerset Maugham, introduced by the author. With James Hayter, Kathleen Harrison, Anne Crawford, Nigel Patrick, Jean Simmons and Michael Rennie. In *The Verger* an illiterate man makes a fortune; in *Mr Knowall* a cruise ship bore saves the good name of a lady; and in *Sanatorium* tuberculosis patients try to make life as happy as possible. Directed by Ken Annakin and Harold French
4.55 Tennis. The doubles match of the Davis cup tie between Great Britain and Austria from the Northern Lawn Tennis Club in Manchester. Bill Threlfall and Mark Cox are the commentators
6.05 Japanese Language and People: All in the Family. The second in the series features two families with varying lifestyles, one from the Tokyo suburbs, the other from a secluded valley on the southern island of Kyushu.
6.35 Late Again. Highlights from this week's *The Late Show*, arts and media magazine (s)
7.20 News with Chris Lowe. Sport and weather
7.35 Faraday's Dream. A drama documentary celebrating the 200th anniversary of the birth of the self-taught scientist Michael Faraday, who now adorns the back of the latest £20 note. Written by Don Shaw and starring Michael Kitchen.



A composer's self-portrait: Sir Michael Tippett (8.05pm)

8.05 Songs of Experience.
● CHOICE: Mischa Scorer's profile of Sir Michael Tippett serves not only to celebrate Britain's senior composer but to introduce his latest opera, *New Year*, which is being screened immediately afterwards. Unusually for a television biography, the portrait relies almost entirely on the subject's own words. Scorer dispenses with the usual roster of outsiders and gives the programme to Tippett himself. Tippett may be 86 but he looks and sounds about 20 years younger as he talks about his life, his method of composing, his technique as a conductor and his admiration for Gershwin. He describes the central concern of his music as keeping alive the dream of paradise in face of the unimaginable horrors committed by man. As for *New Year*, no one could wish for a more helpful guide as Tippett explains its genesis and follows the inaugural production in Texas in 1989 (s)
9.10 New Year. First television production of Sir Michael Tippett's opera, with the London Philharmonic and Glyndebourne Festival Chorus conducted by Andrew Davis. It tells the story of an orphan girl in an inner city slum whose life is dramatically changed by visitors from outer space. With Vernon Henry Jr, Helen Field, Krister St Hill and Jane Shaulis. Simultaneous broadcast with Radio 3 (s)
11.00 Film: Rikyu (1989). The *Made in Japan* season continues with a re-creation of a real episode from Japan's history. A samurai in 16th-century Japan is faced with a conflict of loyalty by the arrival of the Europeans. Starring Rentaro Mikuni and Tsutomu Yamazaki. Directed by Hiroshi Teshigahara. In Japanese with English subtitles (s). Ends at **12.55am**
NB: (s) indicates stereo

ITV

6.00 TV-am
9.25 Motormouth. Frank Sidebottom helps Neil Buchanan and Andy Crane to present this week's programme which includes a feature on parascending with Gaby Roslin and Steve Johnson. Wayne Sleep attempts to lead some unlikely students through a dance class and Chesney Hawkes provides the music, along with some talented canines
11.30 The Chart Show. This week's vintage video is Enya's "Orinoco Flow" (s)
12.30 Superman. In this week's animated adventure the superhero is threatened by Zod's creation that can mimic anything
1.00 News with Nicholas Owen. Weather **1.05 LWT News** and weather
1.10 Saint & Greavsie. Ian St John and Jimmy Greaves review the week's European football news; plus a feature on tonight's middleweight boxing rematch between Chris Eubank and Michael Watson
1.55 Transworld Venture. Two teams comprising three men and three women attempt to set a new world record for driving round the world
3.00 Vintage Murder. A Ngaio Marsh mystery starring George Baker as Detective Inspector Roderick Alleyn. Among his companions on a night train are the troubled members of a theatre company, the husband of whose founder is convinced someone is trying to kill him (r)
4.45 Results Service with Elton Welsby
5.00 News with Nicholas Owen. Weather **5.05 LWT News** and weather
5.10 10 Sharp! Pat Sharp joins singer Chesney Hawkes and his family for breakfast and Tony Blackburn cracks a corny joke
5.25 Baywatch. Sun-baked drama series about muscle-bound Los Angeles beach guards. This week Trevor Cole saves his girlfriend's life only to face the prospect of losing her; and Eddie is forced to face his past when he meets a former friend from his reform school days (Oracle) (r)
6.15 Blind Date. Cilla Black introduces more hopefuls looking for romance (Oracle)
7.15 Film: The Spy Who Loved Me (1977). A Soviet agent (Barbara Bach) joins forces with Roger Moore's 007 to save the world from an evil scientist (Curt Jurgens) who plans to blow up the world and create a new civilisation under the sea. Slightly above average addition to the James Bond cycle which is mainly a recycling of the familiar formula but notable for the introduction of the seven foot tall Richard Kiel as a killer nicknamed "Jaws". Directed by Lewis Gilbert
9.30 News with Nicholas Owen. Weather **9.45 LWT Weather**



Seconds out: Michael Watson and Chris Eubank (9.50pm)

9.50 World Championship Boxing. Jim Rosenthal introduces live coverage of the WBO Super Middleweight championship bout between the holder Chris Eubank and Michael Watson. The commentators at London's White Hart Lane, Tottenham, are Reg Gutteridge and Jim Watt
11.00 Film: Who's That Girl (1987). Misconceived screwball comedy starring Madonna as a petty thief sent to prison for a murder she did not commit. On parole she sets out to find the real killer and gets involved with a cougar. Directed by James Foley
12.45am Tour of Duty American drama series about a group of raw recruits on active service in Vietnam. Starring Terence Knox, Kim Delaney and Stephen Carrey
1.50 WCW Pro Wrestling from the United States
2.50 Coach. Comedy series about an American football coach starring Craig T. Nelson
3.20 Baseball from the United States
4.20 The Hit Man and Her. Disco news, music and fashions introduced by Michaela Strachan and Pete Waterman (s)
5.30 ITN Morning News with Bridget Rowe. Ends at **6.00**
NB: (s) indicates stereo

CHANNEL 4

6.00 Comic Book. Cartoons **7.00 One Upon a Time... Space.** Animated characters explain the mysteries of space **7.30 High 5.** A look at unusual sports **8.00 Trans World Sport.** International sporting news and features
9.00 News headlines followed by **Channel 4 Racing – the Morning Line**
9.30 Class by Class. In the fifth of his intriguing seven-part series on the British class system Ray Gosling visits the Welsh valleys and meets Ray Morgan and his family in Ebbw Vale (r)
10.00 Check Out '91. Consumer series (r) (Teletext) (s)
10.30 Wagon Train: The Kate Parker Story (b/w) Vintage western series. A wife is threatened by her husband when she refuses to hand over the keys of a strong box. Starring Virginia Grey
11.30 Australian Rules Football. Hawthorn v Geelong
12.30 Red 42. American football action from the NFL
1.00 Film: Thunder in the Sun (1959). Routine western, set in the mid-19th century, about a group of Basques who embark on a dangerous trek across Indian country in order to establish vineyards in California. Starring Susan Hayward, Jeff Chandler and Jacques Bergerac. Directed by Russell Rouse
2.30 Racing from Ayr and the Curragh. Derek Thompson introduces live coverage of the Top Flight Leisure Nursery Handicap (2.35); the Shadwell Estates Firth of Clyde Stakes (3.10); the Philip Cornes International Freight Services Handicap (3.40); the Ladbrokes Ayrshire Handicap (4.10); and the *People-Sporting Life* Championship three-year-old Handicap (4.40) from Ayr; and the Jefferson Smurfit Memorial Irish St Leger (3.55) from the Curragh
5.10 Brookside. Omnibus edition of the Merseyside soap. (Teletext) (s)
6.30 The Big Eight: Sheffield Steelers v Oldham Owls. Martin Duffy presents coverage of the final of the wheelchair basketball tournament from Pond's Forge in Sheffield
7.00 The World This Week. Could an independent Serbia survive surrounded by hostile countries?
8.00 The Marathon Monks of Mount Hiei
● CHOICE: Tanno Kakudo is a Japanese Buddhist monk, who, seven years ago, set himself the daunting task of completing 1,000 marathons on mountain slopes near the city of Kyoto. If he succeeds he will become a living Buddha, a modern day saint. If he fails he must commit suicide. Unlike its Olympic counterpart, this marathon is a walk, not a run, and covers 20 miles instead of 26. But it is still an awesome physical ordeal, setting up back pain, torn muscles and high fevers. Tanno will be only the sixth person to do it since the second world war. The previous marathon monk became a national celebrity, inspiring a materialist and conformist society to re-discover its spiritual values. The film picks up Tanno with five marathons to go and looks back on the even bigger challenge of the great fast. This takes place after the first 700 marathons and means nine days without food, water or sleep. Medical science reckons that normal people would not survive beyond seven. But would-be saints can defy mere physical barriers



A birthday repertoire: Irish flautist James Galway (9.00pm)

9.00 James Galway: a 50th Birthday Celebration. In a programme recorded at the time of his 50th birthday in December 1989, the chirpy Irish flautist performs pieces from his wide repertoire, with music from Prokofiev to Debussy and Henry Mancini. With the Royal Philharmonic Orchestra (s)
10.00 Rear Window: Iron in the Soul – the Theatre of Les Smith. A portrait of Les Smith, a prolific yet little known multicultural playwright who specialises in uncompromising dramas about racism and hatred and the violence they provoke. Includes extracts from three of his plays, *Some Kind of Hero*, *Judging Billy Jones* and *Bodycount* (r)
10.45 Short and Curlies: Dear Rosie. An unsuccessful novelist (Fiona Victory) finds fame with an "Armchair Slimmer" tome and then receives an unexpected letter
11.00 As It Happens. Pete McCarthy reports from Hong Kong
12.30am Manhattan Cable. Laurie Pike presents more extracts from New York's uncensored public access channels (s)
1.15 The Oprah Winfrey Show. Cher welcomes Oprah in her new home and talks about the men in her life, her children and cosmetic surgery (r) **2.05 American Football – Red 42** (r) (s)
NB: (s) indicates stereo

SATELLITE

SKY ONE

● Via the Astra and Marcopolo satellites.
6.00am Elephant Boy 6.30 The Flying Kiwi 7.00 Fun Factory 11.00 Danger Bay 11.30 Sha Na Na 12.00 Beyond 2000 1.00pm Combat 2.00 Superstars of Wrestling 3.00 Monkey 4.00 The Man from Atlantis 6.00 Robin of Sherwood 7.00 T.J. Hooker 8.00 Unsolved Mysteries 9.00 Cops I 9.30 Cops II 10.00 All American Wrestling 11.00 The Rookies 12.00 The Last Laugh 12.30am Chuna 1.30 Pages from Skytext

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SKY MOVIES+

● Via the Astra and Marcopolo satellites.
6.00am Showcase, incl 7.40 Entertainment Tonight
8.00 Breaking Away (1979): Four high school boys spend their last summer together
9.50 Supergirl (1984): Helen Slater plays Superman's cousin
12.00 Cocoon: The Return (1988): The senior citizens return to earth for a holiday
2.00pm Vibes (1988): Comedy about a pair of psychics who embark on a quest for lost gold
4.00 Delta Fever (1987): A young man has to prove himself in a waterskiing competition
5.40 Entertainment Tonight
6.00 Jesse (1988): Based on the true story of a nurse, prosecuted for practicing medicine without a licence. Starring Lee Remick
8.00 Welcome Home (1989): Missing for 17 years, an American airman returns home from the Vietnam war to find that his wife has remarried. Starring Kris Kristofferson and JoBeth Williams
10.00 The Krays (1990): Gary and Martin Kemp star as the Kray twins
12.00 Poised for Murder (1989): A centrefold is stalked by a psychotic killer
1.35am Hider in the House (1989): Mimi Rogers befriends social misfit Gary Busey, unaware that he is sleeping in her attic
3.55 Hammer (1989): A group of friends in Jamaica is menaced by an unknown assailant. Ends at 5.10

THE MOVIE CHANNEL

● Via the Astra and Marcopolo satellites.
6.15am G.I. Joe – The Movie (1985): Cartoon adventure following the exploits of the American comic-book hero
8.15 Robotix: Animated super-robots battle evil forces to save the universe
10.00 The Molly Maguires (1969): True drama about a group of Pennsylvania miners who resort to terrorist tactics in order to obtain better working conditions. Starring Sean Connery and Richard Harris
12.00 World Entertainment News
1.00pm Johnny and the Wicked Giant (1951): Cartoon in which Boy Scouts investigate a mysterious castle
2.25 The 'Burbs (1989): Suburban husband Tom Hanks investigates the strange sounds coming from his neighbours' basement
4.10 Xanadu (1980): Musical fantasy starring Olivia Newton-John and Gene Kelly
5.50 The Wiz (1978): All-black musical version of *The Wizard of Oz*. Starring Diana Ross, Michael Jackson and Richard Pryor
8.10 Fighting Justice (1989): Legal drama about a former radical-turned-lawyer (James Wood), who is goaded by an idealistic law student (Robert Downey Jr) into defending an Asian-American imprisoned for murder
10.00 Spotlight
10.25 Black Rain (1989): Violent thriller starring Michael Douglas and Andy Garcia as two New York detectives who travel to Osaka in Japan to track down an elusive murderer
12.35am 84 Charlie MoPic (1989): The Vietnam war seen through a cameraman's lens. Starring Jonathan Emerson
2.10 The Life and Times of Judge Roy Bean (1972): Comedy Western starring Paul Newman as the infamous "hanging judge"
4.15 Jimmy Reardon (1988): River Phoenix stars as a high school romeo Ends at 5.45

SKY SPORTS

● Via the Astra and Marcopolo satellites.
6.30am Aerobics 7.00 NFL Today 8.00 Fishing the West 8.30 European Football Round-Up 9.30 Sky Soccer Weekend 10.30 Power Hour Wrestling 11.30 Motor World 12.00 German Football 2.00pm Superbouts 3.00 America Sports Cavalcade 4.00 Kick-Boxing 5.00 Watersports World 6.00 Sky Soccer Classic 7.00 WWF Primetime Wrestling 8.30 NFL Follies 9.00 Ringside 11.00 Red Line 12.00 NFL American Football 2.00 Ringside 4.00 Torque 5.00 The Winfield Cup Final – Live: Australian Rugby League

EUROSPORT

● Via the Astra satellite.
8.00am Motor Sport 9.00 Speedway 10.00 Saturday Alive: Davis Cup Tennis 3.30pm Live Athletics from France 5.00 Live Golf: Epson Grand Prix 6.30 International Motor Sport: Epson Grand Prix 7.30 Field Hockey: Women – Germany v The Netherlands 8.30 Davis Cup Tennis 10.30 Boxing

SCREENSPORT

● Via the Astra satellite.
7.00am Gatorade Challenge 8.00 Fun TV Windsurfing 8.30 Gillette World Sport Special 9.00 German League Tennis 10.30 Spanish Football Highlights 11.00 Motor Sport 12.00 British Formula 3000 1.00pm Argentine Soccer 2.00 World Championship Snooker 3.30 Irish Classic Horse Racing 4.00 World Championship Snooker 5.00 Powersports International 6.00 World Championships of Karting 7.00 Weekend Live American College Football 9.00 Matchroom Prize Box 11.00 Weekend Live American College Football 12.00 World Championship Snooker 1.00am FIA European Rallycross Championships 2.00 US Pro Box 3.00 American College Football 4.00 Rugby League 5.00 Matchroom Pro Box

LIFESTYLE

● Via the Astra satellite.
12.00 Annie Oakley 12.30pm The Smothers Brothers 1.00 Three For the Road 1.55 Burke's Law 2.50 Spain Spain International Holiday 3.05 Roller Derby 4.00 Search for Tomorrow 6.00 The Sell-a-Vision Shopping Programme 8.00 Close 10.00 Satellite Jukebox

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BORDER

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CENTRAL

As London except: 12.30pm-1.00 The Champions (Mark Spitz) 1.55 Ten Pin Bowling 2.40-4.45 Film: Please Sir! 5.15-5.25 Central Goals Extra 12.45 CinemAttractions 1.15 America's Top Ten 1.45 Film: Despair 3.55 Wrestling 4.55-5.30 Central Jobfinder '91

GRAMPIAN

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GRANADA

As London except: 1.55pm The Life and Times of Grizzly Adams 2.50-4.45 Film: The Vengeance of She 5.10-5.30 Granada Goals Extra 12.45 Kojak 1.40 Twilight Zone 2.00 HR Man and Her 4.00 Videofashion 4.30 Pacific Sports World 5.05-5.30 Superboy

HTV WEST

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HTV WALES

As HTV West except: 12.30pm-1.00 The Munsters Today 5.05 HTV Wales News and Sport 5.20-5.25 Cartoon Time

SCOTTISH

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TSW

As London except: 12.30pm-1.00 The South West Week 1.55 Film: When the Bough Breaks 3.50-4.45 The A-Team 5.15-5.25 Gus Honeybun's Cartoon Time 12.45 Kojak 1.40 The Twilight Zone 2.00 The Hit Man and Her 4.00 Videofashion 4.30 Pacific Sports World 5.05-5.30 Superboy

TVS

As London except: 12.30pm-1.00 Blockbusters 1.55 Pony Club Mounted Games 2.25 The Life and Times of Grizzly Adams 3.20-4.45 McCloud: Bonnie and McCloud 5.15-6.25 Cartoon

TYNE TEES

As London except: 12.30pm-1.00 Pappino 1.55-3.00 Transworld Venture 5.15-5.25 Cartoon Time 12.45 Kojak 1.40 The Twilight Zone 2.00 The Hit Man and Her 4.00 Videofashion 4.30 Pacific Sports World 5.00-5.30 Superboy

ULSTER

As London except: 12.30pm-1.00 The Intruders 1.55 Wrestling 2.55-4.45 Film: That Riviera Touch 5.15-5.25 Cartoon Time 12.45 Kojak 1.40 The Twilight Zone 2.00 The Hit Man and Her 4.00 Videofashion 4.30 Pacific Sports World 5.05-5.30 Superboy

YORKSHIRE

As London except: 12.30pm-1.00 Heidi Comes Home 1.55 The A-Team 2.50 Film: South Riding* (Ralph Richardson) 4.30-4.45 Cartoon 5.15-5.25 Cartoon Time 12.45 Jake and the Fat Man 1.40 Backstage 2.00 Hit Man and Her 4.00 The American Century 5.00-5.30 Music Box

S4C

Starts: 6.00am Comic Book 7.00 Once Upon A Time...Space 7.30 High 5 8.00 Trans World Sport 9.00 News summary 9.05 C4 Racing 9.30 Jelin 10.00 Time Tunnel 11.00 I Love Lucy* 11.30 Australian Rules Football '91 12.30 American Football – Red 42 1.00 sidhirtysomething 1.30 Film: Randy Rides Alone* 2.30 Channel 4 Racing from Ayr and the Curragh 5.10 Brookside 6.30 The Wonder Years 7.00 Newyddion Nos Sadwrn 7.25 Bacha Hi O Ma 8.10 TV Teiff 8.40 Golff 9.05 Film: Pascali's Island 11.00 James Galway 12.00 Frank's Place 12.30 Manhattan Cable 1.15 The Oprah Winfrey Show 2.05-2.35 American Football – Red 42

RTE 1

Starts: 11.25am Rocky Hollow 11.40 Ducktales 12.05 The Dancing Frog 12.35 Storybook 12.55 CHiPs 1.50 News followed by The Disney Hour 2.40 Beyond 2000 3.30 Bellamy 4.00 Film: Roughly Speaking 6.00 The Angelus 6.01 News 6.15 Mailbag 6.40 Talkabout 7.05 Baywatch 8.00 Bellnda, Carlisle 9.00 News 9.20 Film: Rose Against the Odds 12.40-12.45 News

NETWORK 2

Starts: 12.30pm News 12.34 Sports Stadium 5.10 Charley Chase 5.35 Compass 6.30 Seachtain 6.56 Nuacht 8.00 News 8.05 Jamaica Inn 9.05 Between The Canals 10.00 Film: Stark: Mirror Image 11.40 Close

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RADIO 1

FM Stereo and MW. 4.00am Paul McKenna (FM only until 6.00am) **7.00** The Bruno and Liz Breakfast Show **10.00** Dave Lee Travis **1.00pm** Adrian Juste **2.00** Brother Ray: Ray Charles looks back on his life and career **3.00** The Saturday Sequence **7.00** The Saturday Rock Show, with Alan Freeman **10.00** In Concert: Nils Lofgren at Manchester International II in July **11.00** John Peel **2.00-4.00am** Neale James (FM only)

RADIO 2

FM Stereo 4.00am Alex Lester: The Early Show **6.00** Graham Knight **8.05** Ronnie Hilton: Sounds of the 1950s **9.00** Brian Matthew: Sounds of the 1960s **10.00** Anne Robinson **12.00** Gerald Harper **1.30pm** The News Huddlines (r) **2.00** Ed Stewart **4.00** The Brighton Belle: Chris Stuart and British Rail celebrate the 150th anniversary of the Brighton Line **5.00** Cinema 2, with Charles Nove **5.30** Music by . . . George Fenton **6.00** Brooks Ashton's Serenade: Virtuoso pianist Brooks Ashton plays music in the Semprini tradition (r) **7.00** Beat the Record **7.30** Bexhill Concert from the De La Warr Pavilion **9.30** Easy Does It **10.00** The Radio 2 Arts Programme, with Sheridan Morley **12.05am** Brian Matthew: Sounds of the 1960s (r) **1.00** John Terrett with Night Ride **3.00-4.00** A Little Night Music

RADIO 5

News and sport on the hour until **2.00pm. 6.00am** World Service News and 24 Hours **6.30** Morning Edition **9.00** On Your Marks **12.00** Sport on 4 Plus 1 (broadcast on Radio 4 at 9.05pm) **12.30pm** Sportscall: Call Danny Baker to win a year's prescription to Pro-Rally magazine Tel 0345 909963 **1.30** Sport on 5, with John Inverdale. Football Commentary and scores from the Barclays League first division ; Racing from Newbury: (2.05) Coral Autumn Cup, (2.40) Courage Stakes; (3.15) Rokeby Farms Mill Reef Stakes, Golf: Epson Grand Prix, third round, Ryder Cup preview **5.00** Sports Report **6.00** As Radio 4 **9.20** Fanshawe on Five (r) **10.00** Sports Bulletin **10.15** The Big Fight: Chris Eubank v Michael Watson for the vacant WBO World Super Middleweight title, incl **11.00** Sport **11.30** Black Museum: The Hammer **12.00-12.15am** Sport

WORLD SERVICE

All times in BST. **5.30am** The World Today **5.45** News Headlines in English and French **5.47** British Press Review **5.52** World Business Report **5.57** Travel and Weather News **6.00** World News **6.09** 24 Hours **6.30** Londres Midi **6.59** Weather **7.00** Newsdesk **7.30** Meridian **8.00** World News **8.09** 24 Hours Live; News Summary **8.30** From the Weeklies **8.45** English Songsmiths **9.00** World News **9.09** Words of Faith **9.15** A Jolly Good Show **10.00** World News **10.05** Waveguide **10.15** World Brief **10.30** Personal View **10.45** Sports Roundup **11.00** News Summary **11.01** Here's Humph! **11.15** Club 648 **11.30** Londres Midi **11.45** Mittagsmagazin **11.59** Weather **12.00** Newsdesk **12.30pm** Meridian **1.00** World News **1.09** News About Britain **1.15** Multitrack 3 **1.45** Sports Roundup **2.00** Newshour **3.00** News Summary **3.01** Sportsworld **4.00** World News **4.15** BBC English **4.30** News and Features in German **4.58** Travel News **5.00** World and British News **5.15** BBC English **5.30** Londres Soir **5.14** Letter from America **8.29** News Summary **6.30** Heute Aktuell **7.00** German Features: **7.54** News in German **8.00** World News **8.05** Write On... **8.15** Londres Derrière **8.30** Club 648 **8.45** From the Weeklies **9.00** World News **9.09** Personal View **9.25** Words of Faith **9.30** Meridian **10.00** Newshour **11.00** World News **11.05** Short Story: Urauzu **11.20** Jazz for the Asking **11.50** Sports Roundup **12.00** World News **12.05am** Words of Faith **12.10** Book Choice **12.15** A Jolly Good Show **1.00** Newsdesk **1.30** The Ken Bruce Show **2.00** News Summary **2.01** Play of the Week: Brave New World **3.00** Newsdesk **3.30** In the Law **4.00** World News **4.09** News About Britain **4.15** From Our Own Correspondent **4.35** Write On... **4.45** News and Features in German

RADIO 3

6.35-6.55am Open University (FM only): Open Forum – News from the OU
6.55 Weather; News Headlines
7.00 Morning Concert: Gerald Finzi (Dies natalis); Villa-Lobos (The Little Brown Paper Doll, A Prole do Bebê, Book 1)
7.30 News
7.35 Morning Concert (cont): Mozart (Sonata in D, K 7); Strauss (Weihnachtsfied); Villa-Lobos (The Little Brazilian Clay Doll; The Poor Little Patchwork Doll; The Little White China Doll); John Alden Carpenter (Adventures in a Perambulator); Villa-Lobos (The Clown Doll)
8.30 News
8.35 Peter Hill: The pianist plays Mozart (Rondo in A minor, K 511); Busoni (Sonatina No 2); Beethoven (Sonata in C minor, Op 111) (r)
9.30 Saturday Review, with Richard Osborne. Building a Library. Haydn's Symphony No 100. Military, new recordings of Weber's Der Freischütz. Mozart's Don Giovanni and Cherubini's Lodoiska. **10.40** Record Release: Rossini (String Sonata No 2 in A. Serenata at London), Weber (Der Freischütz – excerpt: Dresden Staatskapelle under Colin Davis, with Eva Lind and Karita Mattila, sopranos, Francisco Araiza, tenor); Prokofiev (Incidental music, Eugene Onegin – excerpt: Moscow "Maly" Symphony Orchestra under Ponkin); Cherubini (Symphony in D: ORT Orchestra della Toscana under Donato Renzetti); Schoenberg (Ode to Napoleon: Nash Ensemble under Frend, with Thomas Allen, baritone); Britten (Suite, Johnson over Jordan: English Chamber Orchestra under Steuart Bedford)
12.45pm Table Talk: Into Wine Diana Bishop reads Clare Boylan's short story
1.00 News
1.05 BBC Welsh SO under Mark Wigglesworth performs Beethoven (Symphony No 4 in B flat), Strauss (Death and Transfiguration)
2.10 Two Biblical Sonatas: Johann Kuhnau (The Fight between David and Goliath; The Sickness of Hezekiah – and His Recovery, Ton Koopman, harpsichord, Fraser Kerr, narrator)
2.35 From the 1990 Berlin Festival: Aus Frankfurter Liederbüch 1967/89. Eight settings for soprano, baritone and bass-baritone. Günter Bialas (Schwarze Serenade); Hans Jürgen von Bose (Achaim); Friedrich Goldmann (Lagebericht); Aribert Reimann (Entsorgt); Peter Michael Hamel (Zeit der Steine); Nicolaus A. Huber (Tote Mentren); Wilhelm Killmeyer (Aussicht); Hans Werner Henze (Drei Lieder über dem Schnee)
3.40 Tuning Up
● CHOICE: There cannot be another ensemble anywhere in the world quite like the European Community Baroque Orchestra. Its ranks are reformed each year; its musical directors keep changing; no-one gets a performance fee; few of its players have professional experience. And, though no-one explains exactly what it means, one of the things the instrumentalists have to learn about is body noises. Chris de Souza's profile of this fascinating orchestra includes selections from its 1991 repertoire (Bach, Handel, Rameau, etc)
5.00 Jazz Record Requests, with Geoffrey Smith
5.45 Third Opinion, with Christopher Cook. Includes reviews of *Hippolytos* at the Almeida Theatre and André Brink's novel *An Act of Terror*
6.30 Bartók (String Qu

BBC 1

6.45 **Open University**
8.50 **Playdays** (r)
9.10 **News** and weather 9.15 **Thanksgiving for Harvest** from St Paul's Church in Longridge near Preston (s) 10.00 **See Hear!**
10.30 **Film: LPI Abner** (1959). Cheerful musical comedy from the hit Broadway show, in turn based on Al Capp's comic strip characters, about a bunch of hillbillies and their fight to prevent their town from being designated a testing area for atomic bombs. Starring Stubby Kaye, Howard St John and Julie Newmar. Directed by Melvin Frank
12.20 **Cartoon.** The story of the Chinese nightingale
12.30 **Country File.** John Craven reports on the Ordnance Survey which is 200 years old this year 12.55 **Weather**
1.00 **News** followed by **Speaking Volumes.** Clive Anderson, Mary Leland and Charles Palliser join P.D. James in the last programme of the series (s)
1.45 **Tom and Jerry Double Bill** 2.00 **EastEnders.** (Ceefax) (s).
3.00 **Dallas.** (Ceefax)
3.45 **Film: The Black Stallion Returns** (1983). Disappointing sequel to *The Black Stallion*, with the hero of that film, still played by Kelly Reno, searching for his kidnapped Arab stallion in north Africa. With Teri Garr as mum. Directed by Robert Dalva
5.25 **Safari UK. . . Goes Live!** In a live edition Jill Dando and Julian Pettifer are in Berkshire linking up with wildlife enthusiasts around the country. Tony Soper is seal watching on the Farne Islands; Magnus Magnusson is on the trail of red deer in the Cairngorms; Anthony Smith is on the summit of Snowdon; and Chris Baines looks down on Berkshire from a hot-air balloon
6.25 **News** with Moira Stuart. Weather
6.40 **Songs of Praise.** Alan Titchmarsh joins actor John Nettles of *Bergerac* and the people of Jersey at the island's Mont Orgueil Castle. (Ceefax) (s)
7.15 **Keeping Up Appearances.** Roy Clarke's comedy of a suburban super-snob may have only one joke but the excellent Patricia Routledge makes the most of it. Hyacinth takes a weekend break at a golfing hotel and hopes to play a round with the major. (Ceefax) (s)
7.45 **Bread.** Carla Lane's long-running comedy about a workshy Liverpudlian family. (Ceefax) (s)
8.15 **Trainer: Perfect Timing.** Racing soap from the *Howards' Way* stable, starring Mark Greenstreet as an ambitious young trainer. (Ceefax) (s)
9.05 **News** with Martyn Lewis (Ceefax). Weather



Home or away? A dilemma for Claire Hackett, left (9.20pm)

9.20 **Screen One: Dancin' Through The Dark.**
● CHOICE: Willy Russell returns to his home ground of Liverpool for the story of a young couple about to be married whose stag and hen nights happen to end up in the same disco. The further complication is that the band is led by the bride-to-be's former boyfriend, Linda (Claire Hackett) is in some ways a younger version of Russell's Shirley Valentine. Faced with the prospect of a dutiful marriage to a dull husband, she is not surprisingly tempted by the chance of tearing up her roots and seeking romance on the road. But there are plenty of people to tell her where her duty lies. Russell explores the dilemma with robust humour, lively, uninhibited dialogue and an acute feel for the northern urban culture. Director Mike Okrent, making his film début after distinguished work in the theatre, supplies pace and energy and there are splendidly observed performances from the young cast. (Ceefax) (s)
10.55 **Everyman: Big AL.** A report on the events that led up to the stabbing of New York's flamboyant black civil rights leader, the Rev Alfred Sharpton, in January. (r) Northern Ireland: God Knows 11.25 Everyman
11.45 **Japanese — Language and People: All in the Family** (r). Wales: Business Matters
12.15am **The Sky at Night.** Patrick Moore is joined by Professor Rowan-Robinson who talks about what seems to be the most luminous object in the universe. Northern Ireland and Wales: Japanese Language and People 12.45 The Sky at Night
12.35 **Mahabharat** (r) (s). Northern Ireland 1.05-1.45 Mahabharat 1.15 **Weather**

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BBC 2

6.35 **Open University:** Culture and Belief in Europe 1450-1600 7.00 Child's Play 7.25 Social Problems and Social Welfare: Family Centre 7.50 Black Holes 8.15 Women Speaking 9.05 Social Science Foundation Course 9.55 The Melbury Road Set 10.20 Biology Form and Function: Flowering 10.45 Maths: Modelling Pollution 11.10 Asian Rickets: The English Disease 11.35 Quantum Leaps into the Atom 12.00 Managing in the Community 12.25 Managing the Managers
12.50 **Holiday Outings.** Kathy Tayler visits County Cork for a cookery course and is taught how to select the best fish (r)
1.00 **Open University:** Statistics — Testing for Telepathy (r)
1.25 **Sunday Grandstand** presented by Bob Wilson: The line-up is (subject to alteration): 1.30 and 3.45 Tennis: the remaining two singles of the Davis Cup match between Great Britain and Austria from the Northern lawn tennis club, Manchester. The commentators are Bill Threlfall and Mark Cox; 1.45 Motor Racing: live coverage of the Portuguese Grand Prix from Estoril. With commentary by Murray Walker and James Hunt; 4.30 Golf: coverage of the final round of the Epson grand prix of Europe from St Pierre Golf and Country Club, Chepstow. The commentating team is Peter Alliss, Bruce Critchley, Alex Hay, Clive Clark and Mike Hughesdon
6.00 **This Is Your Life** (b/w). Eamonn Andrews celebrates the life of Barbara Mullen who played Janet in *Dr Finlay's Casebook* (r)
6.25 **Maigret** (b/w). *Rupert Davies stars as Georges Simenon's famous* Parisian sleuth in an episode from the last 1960s series (r)
7.15 **Amazon: the Flooded Forest.** The season of highlights from *The Natural World* series continues with the second of two films about the Amazon rain forest. (Ceefax) (r)
8.05 **LBJ: We Shall Overcome.** In the third of a four-part *Timewatch* reassessment of the life and work of President Lyndon B. Johnson, friends and colleagues explain why, having galvanised the nation with his appeal for racial justice and his promise not to send troops to Vietnam, he ordered the bombing of North Vietnam without national debate or congressional approval
9.05 **Grand Prix.** Highlights of the Portuguese grand prix from Estoril. With commentary by Murray Walker and James Hunt



Fantasy world: Kathleen Turner as young Peggy Sue (9.50pm)

9.50 **Film: Peggy Sue Got Married** (1986).
● CHOICE: After the success of *Back to the Future*, time-warp subjects were suddenly in favour in the mid-1980s and *Peggy Sue Got Married* provided a witty addition to the genre which incidentally revived the uneven career of its director, Francis Coppola. He was splendidly served by his leading lady, Kathleen Turner, who plays two parts, or rather two versions of the same part. In the present she is a woman approaching middle age, separated from her husband and dreading her 25th high school reunion. Under the emotional strain of the event she goes into a swoon, wakes up in 1960 and relives her teenage years. Fantasy is used to explore reality as Peggy Sue goes back over her marriage and tries to decide whether she made the right choice. The outcome of the film may be predictable but along the way there is much to enjoy. Nicholas Cage overacts delightfully as the boyfriend/husband. (Ceefax)
11.30 **Cricket.** Tony Lewis introduces highlights from the one-day challenge match between the Australian Sheffield Shield champions, Victoria, and Essex, the 1991 Britannic Assurance County champions. Jack Bannister and Geoffrey Boycott are the commentators at Chelmsford. Ends at 12.25am

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ITV

6.00 **TV-am** 9.25 **Disney Club** Young people's entertainment
10.45 **Link.** In this week's edition of the series on disabled matters Lydia Cooke goes ballooning
11.00 **Morning Worship** from St Peter's Church, Stockton-on-Tees, which is celebrating its 110th anniversary
12.00 **The Human Factor: Hopefully I'll Be Here for a Few More Years.** Peter Williams reports from Charlie Wing at Parkhurst Prison on the Isle of Wight. David Lant is there because he murdered a fellow inmate. He declares himself a born-again Christian but how permanent is his belief in God? (Oracle)
12.25 **Way of the Lakes.** Tony Warburton explores the Lake District 12.55 **LWT News** and weather
1.00 **News** with Richard Bath. Weather
1.10 **Film: Goliath Awaits** (1981). Run-of-the-mill TV movie, originally a mini-series, an oceanographer who discovers survivors on board a sunken liner — 40 years after it went down. Starring Mark Harmon, Eddie Albert and Christopher Lee. Directed by Kevin Connor
4.00 **Dinosaur!** Walter Cronkite presents the last programme in the series about prehistoric creatures. He investigates the controversy surrounding a fossilised feather discovered in a German lime quarry a century ago. (Oracle) (s)
5.00 **The Oval Globe.** The second of three Yorkshire Television documentaries focusing on the teams competing in the rugby union world cup next month. Jim Rosenthal looks at the New Zealand *All Blacks*
6.00 **Bullseye.** Jim Bowen with the darts and general knowledge game
6.30 **News** with Richard Bath. Weather 6.35 **LWT News** and weather
6.40 **Highway.** Harry Secombe visits Ashford in Kent. In nearby Aldington he meets a vicar who holds services in the village pub and Countess Mountbatten of Burma talks about her interest in the Caldecott Community, a residential care project for children (Ceefax) (s)
7.15 **Beadle's About.** A new series of the show where Jeremy Beadle plays practical jokes on unsuspecting members of the public
7.45 **Denis Norden's Laughter File.** Denis Norden presents a collection of clips illustrating the pranks and hoaxes that go on during the making of films and television programmes. (Oracle) (s)
8.45 **News** with Richard Bath. Weather



Tempestuous affair: Michael Douglas, Glenn Close (9.05pm)

9.05 **Film: Fatal Attraction** (1987).
● CHOICE: Future students of popular culture will have the formidable task of trying to explain why this film among so many should have so caught the popular mood in the late 1980s. After all the story of a mistress avenging herself on the man who has dumped her is hardly a new one, even if it is given a particularly ferocious form in James Dearden's script and Glenn Close's vibrant performance. Granted that the film works well on the thriller level, with the director Adrian Lyne losing no opportunity to turn up the tension, Michael Douglas, as the errant husband, and Anne Archer, as his wife, manage the difficult task of not being completely upstaged by Close's far more showy role. The common explanation of the film's huge success is that it is a coded warning about the dangers of Aids. But why go to the cinema when the message is being pumped out almost daily through the television at home? (Oracle) (s)
11.20 **Cue the Music.** This first programme of a new music series features the Bee Gees in concert in Australia
12.25am **The Chart Show** (r)
1.20 **Hodson Confidential: Love and Sex.** Phillip Hodson presents the second of two discussions about what partners expect from each other
1.50 **Film: For the Death of a Cop** (1981). Routine French drama starring and directed by Alain Delon, about an ex-policeman turned private eye who takes on more that he bargains for when he sets out to find an old lady's blind daughter
3.50 **Teenage America.** A lighthearted look at young America from the 1940s to the 1980s 4.40 **The Magic Wok.** Chinese cookery series
5.00 **Soap.** More madcap comedy concerning the Tate and Campbell families (r)
5.30 **ITN Morning News.** Ends at 6.00

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CHANNEL 4

6.00 **Transworld Sport.** News and features (r) 7.00 **Eureeka's Castle.** For the under-fives 7.30 **Alfred J. Kwak.** Adventures of a musical duck 8.00 **Sharky and George** 8.30 **Kelly.** Adventures of a police dog 8.55 **Kid 'n' Play**
9.25 **The Sword of Tipu Sultan.** Indian drama set in the state of Mysore in the 18th century. In Hindi with English subtitles
10.00 **Dispatches: Moscow's Mafia Millions.** A report first shown last year showing how the conservatives in the Soviet communist party were working with black marketeers to undermine the economy and destabilise President Gorbachev's government (r)
10.45 **Dennis.** Animated adventures with the mischievous boy
11.00 **Owl TV.** Michaela Strachan presents the children's programme which today visits the largest indoor rain forest in Europe at the Burger's Zoo in The Netherlands. (Ceefax) (r)
11.30 **The Lone Ranger.** (b/w). Vintage western series starring John Hart as the masked crusader
12.00 **The Waltons.** Homely adventures of an Appalachian mountain family (r)
1.00 **Voyage to the Bottom of the Sea.** Underwater adventures. This week Nelson and Sharkey fight for survival in a land inhabited by dinosaurs
2.00 **Film: Night and Day** (1945). Sanitised and underwritten musical biography about the early life of Cole Porter, played by Cary Grant. At least there are more than 20 Cole Porter numbers. Directed by Michael Curtiz
4.20 **Mr Nobody.** The true story of a 65-year-old eccentric who lived alone with his many cats amid a collection of rubbish, and his battles with officialdom 4.55 **News** summary and weather
5.00 **Family Pride.** Drama serial about three Asian families living in Birmingham (s)



Tombstone to the enterprise culture? Canary Wharf (5.30pm)

5.30 **The Men Who Built Canary Wharf.**
● CHOICE: Canary Wharf in the London Docklands is the biggest commercial development in Europe, offering five million square feet of offices, parks, squares, shops and restaurants. It could either be a stroke of commercial genius or a spectacular white elephant, victim of the recession, public hostility, poor transport links and the worst property market since the second world war. Jane Hewland's trenchant film looks at the prospects for the venture and profiles the company behind it. Olympia and York was founded by the Reichmann brothers, Viennese Jews who started up in Canada in the 1950s. The Reichmanns built their fortune on cheap land and fast construction. They took over Canary Wharf when the project was in trouble and persuaded the prime minister, Mrs Thatcher, to drive the first pile. But the economic climate and environmental criticism led by the Prince of Wales means that instead of being a monument to the enterprise culture, Canary Wharf could be its tombstone
6.30 **The Cosby Show.** Cliff's late night binge takes its toll.
7.00 **Equinox: The Professor's New Clothes.** Professor John Talent, an Australian geologist, accuses the eminent Indian palaeontologist from Punjab university, Professor V. J. Gupta, of producing as many as 400 fraudulent papers and spreading a corrupt corpus of disinformation through the field of Asian palaeontology for the last 25 years (Ceefax)
8.00 **Classic Cars: Wheels of Gold.** The fourth in a six-part series exploring the world of the car enthusiast. Tonight's programme looks at the business of auctioning old cars
8.30 **American Football.** Tonight's main game is the LA Raiders at the Atlanta Falcons. Plus highlights of the Green Bay Packers at Miami Dolphins
10.00 **Film: Angry Earth** (1989). The oldest woman in Britain is about to celebrate her 110th birthday. She reflects on her life — widowed twice, assaulted by soldiers and brutalised by her experiences. A powerful social document, starring Sue Roderick and directed by Karl Francis. In English with some Welsh dialogue
12.10am **Film: Juliana** (1988). Peruvian drama about a 12-year-old girl living rough on the streets of Lima. English subtitles. Ends at 1.55

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REGIONAL TV

ANGLIA
As London except: 12.30pm-1.00 Farming Diary 1.10 Goals Galore 1.35 The Spectacular World of Guinness Records 2.00 Highway to Heaven 3.00-4.00 The Burghley Horse Trials

BORDER
As London except: 12.30pm-1.00 Conference Report 1.10 An Invitation to Remember (Leslie Phillips) 1.40 Cover Story (Chaka Khan) 2.05 Family Theatre 3.00-4.00 The Oval Globe 5.00-6.00 Sportsport 11.20 Prisoner: Cell Block H 12.15 Quiz Night 12.45 Police Precinct 1.45 Books By My Bedside 2.15 Film: The Black Rose 4.25 The ITV Chart Show 5.20-5.30 Jobfinder

CENTRAL
As London except: 12.30pm-1.00 Gardening Time 1.10 Burning Rubber 2.05-4.00 Film: Brief Encounter 11.20 Prisoner: Cell Block H 12.15 Film: This Is My Street 2.00 The ITV Chart Show 3.00 A Couple of Beauties 3.30 The Concert 4.30-5.30 Central Jobfinder '91

GRANADA
As London except: 12.25pm-1.00 Chalta Chalte 1.10 Political Lives 1.35 Film: The Silent Gun 3.00-4.00 The Oval Globe 5.00 Bullseye 5.30-6.30 Coronation Street 11.20 Prisoner: Cell Block H 12.15 Quiz Night 12.45 Police Precinct 1.45 Books By My Bedside 2.15 The Black Rose 4.25 The ITV Chart Show 5.20-5.30 Jobfinder

HTV WEST
As London except: 12.30pm-1.00 West Country Farming 1.10 Heidi 2.00 HTV Newsweek 2.30-4.00 Film: Footlight Serenade

HTV WALES
As HTV West except: 12.30pm-1.00 Portrait of the Wild 2.00-2.30 West Country Farming

TSW
As London except: 12.30pm-1.00 TSW Farming Week 1.15 Coronation Street 2.10-4.00 Film: Billion Dollar Threat 11.20 Prisoner: Cell Block H 12.15 Quiz Night 12.45 Police Precinct 1.45 Books By My Bedside 2.15 Film: The Black Rose 4.25 The ITV Chart Show 5.20-5.30 TSW Jobfinder

TVS
As London except: 12.30pm TVS News followed by Jack Thompson Down Under 1.10 The Wonderful World of Disney 2.05-4.00 Film: Please Sir! 11.20 The Human Factor 11.50-12.20 Coast to Coast People

TYNE TEES
As London except: 12.25pm-1.00 Windsurf 1.10 Highway to Heaven 2.10 The Back Page 2.40-4.00 Film: Flannelfoot 11.15 Prisoner: Cell Block H 12.15 Quiz Night 12.45 Police Precinct 1.45 Books By My Bedside 2.15 Film: The Black Rose 4.25 The ITV Chart Show 5.15-5.30 Jobfinder

ULSTER
As London except: 12.30pm-1.00 Gardening Time 1.10 Crocodiles: The Deadly Survivors 2.10 Manx International Rally 3.00-4.00 The Oval Globe 5.00 Bullseye 5.30-6.30 Coronation Street 11.20 Prisoner: Cell Block H 12.15 Quiz Night 12.45 Police Precinct 1.45 Books By My Bedside 2.15 Film: The Black Rose 4.25 The ITV Chart Show 5.20-5.30 Jobfinder

YORKSHIRE
As London except: 12.25pm Goals on Sunday 12.50-1.00 Calendar News 1.10 The Wonderful World of Disney 2.05-4.00 Film: Brief Encounter 11.20 Speedway 12.20 Alfred Hitchcock Presents 12.50 The Munsters Today 1.15 The ITV Chart Show 2.15 Schmanekl 3.50 Love, American Style 4.30-5.30 Jobfinder

S4C
Starts: 6.00am Trans World Sport 7.00 Eureeka's Castle 7.20 Alfred J Kwak 8.00 Sharky and George 8.30 Kelly 8.55 Kid 'N' Play 9.25 Wilo the Wisp 9.30 Owl TV 10.00 Dispatches 10.45 Voyage to the Bottom of the Sea 11.45 Dennis 12.00 The Waltons *12.55 The Three Stooges* 1.15* Film: Nine Men* 2.30 Equinox 3.30 Film: Devotion* 5.30 Pobol Y Cwm 7.00 Newyddion 7.05 Saith Ar Y Sul 7.20 Bwrw'r Sul 8.05 Hel Straeon 8.35 Dechrau Canu Dechrau Canmol 9.05 Troeon 9.45 Ar Derfyn Dydd 9.50 Golff 10.15 American Football 11.45 Classic Cars 12.15 The Men Who Built Canary Wharf 1.15 Diwedd

RTE 1
Starts: 10.25am Deutsch Direkt 11.00 Viaje Al Espanol 11.15 A Eucharistic Celebration 12.00 The Human Jigsaw 12.25 Trading Places 12.50 Crusade in the Pacific 1.20 Little House on the Prairie 2.10 News followed by The Marzipan Pig 2.45 Sign of the Times 3.15 Cheinsaw 3.45 Film: Roseanna McCoy 5.30 Adventures of the Black Stallion 6.00 The Angelus 6.01 Six One Sunday 6.30 Disney Cartoons 6.40 The Wonder Years 7.05 Murder She Wrote 8.00 Where in the World 8.30 Glenroe 9.00 News 9.20 Film: The Far Country 11.00 James Galway Invites... 11.30 News 11.35 Close

NETWORK 2
Starts: 9.45am Sesame Street 10.45 All and the Camel 11.05 David the Gnome 11.30 The Best Box 1.30 Festival Double Bill 4.40 Turning to Dust 5.30 Nat King Cole 6.00 The Flying Doctors 6.55 Nuacht 7.00 A Taste of Freedom 7.55 News 8.00 New Kids on the Block 9.40 The Course that Jack Built 10.40 Alfred Hitchcock Presents 11.05 *Sports Special 11.45 Close*

SATELLITE

SKY ONE
● Via the Astra and Marcopolo satellites.
6.00am Bailey's Bird 6.30 Castaway 7.00 Fun Factory 11.00 Hour of Power 12.00 That's Incredible 1.00pm The New Adventures of Wonder Women 2.00 All American Wrestling 3.00 Those Amazing Animals 4.00 The Love Boat 5.00 Hey Dad 5.30 Hart to Hart 6.30 The Simpsons 7.00 21 Jump Street 8.00 Murder in Texas: First of a two-part mini series 10.00 Falcon Crest 11.00 Entertainment Tonight 12.00 Pages from Skytext

SKY NEWS
● Via the Astra and Marcopolo satellites.
News on the hour.
6.00am Sunrise 5.30 Target 6.00 Sunrise 9.30 Dayline 10.30 Those Were The Days 11.00 Dayline 11.30 Holiday Destinations 12.30pm *Financial Times* Business Weekly 1.30 Target 2.30 Roving Report 3.30 *Financial Times* Business Weekly 4.30 Those Were The Days 5.00 Live at Five 6.30 Roving Report 7.30 *Financial Times* Business Weekly 8.30 Target 9.00 Sky World News Tonight 10.30 Roving Report 11.30 *Financial Times* Business Weekly 12.30am *Target* 1.30 *Financial Times* Business Weekly 2.30 Those Were The Days 3.30 Holiday Destinations 4.30 Health Circuit 5.30 Beyond 2000

SKY MOVIES+
● Via the Astra and Marcopolo satellites.
6.00am Showcase, incl 7.40 Entertainment Tonight
8.00 The Accidental Tourist (1988): A quirky dog trainer (Geene Davis) helps William Hurt to overcome his divorce from Kathleen Turner
10.10 Turner and Hooch (1989) A small-town police investigator (Tom Hanks) teams up with a salivating dog to investigate a murder
12.00 Time Bandits (1981): A group of dwarves travels back in time to plunder from the wealthy men of history
2.00pm Ghostbusters 2 (1989): Sequel to *Ghostbusters* in which the team fights a supernatural warrior Starring Dan Aykroyd and Bill Murray
4.00 Earth Girls Are Easy (1989): Three multi-coloured aliens land in Geena Davis's Los Angeles swimming pool
6.00 Malcolm Takes a Shot (1990). A high school basketball player develops epilepsy
6.50 Lies of the Heart (1990): A teenage boy is unable to admit to crashing his car
7.40 Projector
8.00 Weekend at Bernie's (1989): A pair of teenage boys determine not to let their boss's untimely death ruin their holiday. Starring Andrew McCarthy and Jonathan Silverman
10.00 Bad Dreams (1988): A former hippie awakes from a 20-year coma and finds herself menaced by the spirit of her cult's evil guru. Starring Jennifer Rubin
11.30 The Rainbow (1989): An adaptation of D.H. Lawrence's classic novel. Starring Sammi Davis, Paul McGann and Glenda Jackson
1.30am The Man's Club (1986): Comedy drama about a group of men on a hellraising night out
4.00 Warlock (1989): A 17th century warlock (Julian Sands) is catapulted into the 20th century home of Beverly Hills waitress Lori Singer. Ends at 5.50

THE MOVIE CHANNEL
● Via the Astra and Marcopolo satellites.
6.15am The Gild-Friends: The Movie — The Quest: Cartoon adventure
8.15 Bigfoot and the Muscle Machines: Cartoon about a team of monster truck drivers who foil a plot to overrun the world
10.15 A Night to Remember (1942, b/w): Mystery writer Brian Aherne and wife Loretta Young become reel-life amateur sleuths
12.15pm Vincent and Me (1990): A girl's Van Gogh-style drawings are sold as originals
2.15 Gunfight at the Comanche Creek (1963): Audie Murphy stars as a Wild West detective
4.00 Henry V (1989): Kenneth Branagh's adaptation of Shakespeare's play
6.15 Lucy and Desi: Before the Laughter (1990): Romantic biopic of Lucille Ball and Desi Arnaz
8.15 Trapped (1989): A building manageress finds herself locked in with a revenge-seeking murderer. Starring Kathleen Quinlan and Bruce Abbot
9.55 Shirley Valentine (1989): Pauline Collins stars as the Liverpudlian housewife who finds romance with Tom Conti on a Greek island
11.45 Drugstore Cowboy (1989). Matt Dillon stars as a drug addict who tries to kick the habit
1.30am The Experts (1988): The Soviet Union uses John Travolta and Ayre Gross to learn about everyday American behaviour
3.05 The Thief Who Came to Dinner (1973): Comedy thriller about a computer expert (Ryan O'Neal) who becomes a jewel thief Ends at 4.45

SKY SPORTS
● Via the Astra and Marcopolo satellites.
9.00am Australian Rules Football 10.30 World of Adventure 11.30 WWF Prametime Wrestling 1.00pm Super Trax 2.00 Best of Ringside 2.30 Live Italian Football 5.00 Red Line 6.00 The Winfield Cup Final 8.00 Scottish Premier League Football 10.00 Italian League Football 12.00 The Winfield Cup Final: Australian Rugby League

EUROSPORT
● Via the Astra satellite.
8.00am Trans World Sport 9.00 Davis Cup Tennis 11.00 Athletics, France 1.00pm Sunday Alive. Davis Cup Tennis 4.00 Golf: Epson Grand Prix 5.45 Equestrian 6.30 Athletics, Barcelona 7.30 Field Hockey: Men — Germany v Australia 8.30 Tennis

SCREENSPORT
● Via the Astra satellite.
7.00am Powersports International 8.00 Irish Classic Horse Racing 8.30 Equestrian 9.00 World Championships of Karting 10.00 American College Football: Notre Dame v Michigan State 12.00 Marchroom Pro Box 1.00pm Diesel Jeans Superbike 2.00 Weekend Live World Championship Snooker 5.00 British Open Rally Championships 5.30 Revs 6.00 Equestrian 7.00 Weekend Live Indy Car 9.30 Weekend Live World Championships Snooker 11.00 British Formula 3000 12.00 US Pro Box

LIFESTYLE
● Via the Astra satellite.
12.00 Anne Oakley 12.30pm The Smothers Brothers 1.00 Three for the Road 1.55 Burke's Law 2.50 Span Span International Cuisine 3.05 Roller Derby 4.00 Burns and Allen 4.25 Afternoon Cinema: Dick Tracy v Cueball (1946) 6.00 The Sell-a-Vision Shopping Programme 10.00 Satellite Jukebox

MTV
● Via the Astra satellite.
Twenty-four hours of rock and pop

RADIO 3

6.35-6.55am Open University (FM only) 6.55 Weather
7.00 Morning Concert: Mendelssohn (String Symphony No 2 in D); Ravel (Ma mère l'oye) 7.30 News
7.35 Morning Concert (cont): Prokofiev (Summer Day); Rachmaninov (Etude-tableau No 8 in G minor, Op 33); Rossini (String Sonata No 1 in G); Barber (Knoxville, Summer of 1915); Ries (La Capricciosa)
8.30 News
8.35 Maestro de' Concerti: Vivaldi (Concerto in G for two violins and two cellos, RV 575; Concerto in D minor; Violin Concerto in A, RV 335; Concerto in B flat, RV 547)
9.15 Melos Ensemble performs Prokofiev (Overture on Hebrew Themes); Mozart (Clarinet Quintet, K 581); Janáček (Mládí)
10.15 Music Weekly
11.00 Berlin PO under Kurt Sanderling performs Mozart — (Violin Concerto in D, K 218: Frank Peter Zimmermann); Bruckner (Symphony No 3 in D minor) (r)
12.30pm Dvořák (String Quartet Movement in F, B 120: Prague String Quartet)
12.45 Replay
● CHOICE: The art historian James Laver's recollections about Eric Gill were first broadcast in 1951 and therefore pre-date by nearly four decades Fiona McCarthy's disclosures about Gill's eccentric sexuality in her definitive biography. Laver goes no further than mentioning Gill's sensuality, though he does recall that when he (Laver) was on the staff at the V & A, he had to take down some of Gill's drawings because they were considered too detailed for the public good. Gill, concludes Laver, had as little patience with prudery as he had with the arty and the crafty
1.00 News
1.05 Your Concert Choice, with Paul Guinery: Handel, arr Harty (Concerto for orchestra in D: LSO under Hamilton Harty, with Harold Dawber, organ); Elgar (Romance: LSO under Mackerras, with Julian Lloyd Webber, cello); Dvořák (Serenade in E, Op 22: Orpheus CO); Delius (An Arabesque: Ambrosian Singers; RPO under Eric Fenby, with Thomas Allen, baritone); Bruch (Concerto for two pianos: LSO under Antal Dorati, with Martin Berkofsky and Nathan Twining, pianos)
2.30 Schumann and Bartók: Schumann (Andante and variations in B flat, for two pianos, two cellos and horn); Schumann (Piano Trio No 2 in F, Op 80); Bartók (Sonata for two pianos and percussion)
3.50 Poet of the Month: Sorley Maclean reads from his *Collected Poems in Gaelic and English*
4.00 Northern Sinfonia under Heinrich Schiff performs Mozart (Eine kleine Nachtmusik); Vivaldi (Cello Concerto in B minor, RV 424); Mozart (Symphony No 40 in G minor, K 550) (r)
4.55 In Preparation: Hugh Wood's new Piano Concerto from rehearsals to its premiere at last week's Prom. Followed at 5.25 by the BBC Symphony Orchestra under Andrew Davis, with Joanna MacGregor, piano, performs Hugh Wood (Piano Concerto)
6.00 Choral Music from Eton College Chapel: A celebration of creation and the harvest
7.00 Haydn (String Quartet in B flat, Op 76 No 4, Sunrise: Takács Quartet) (r)
7.30 Sunday Play: Miss Lonelyhearts. Vincent McInerney's dramatisation of Nathanael West's classic novella about a 1930s agony aunt in New York (r)
8.35 BBC Scottish SO under Alfred Walter performs Schmidt (Symphony No 3)
9.20 Haydn and Schumann: Ronan O'Hora, piano, plays Haydn (Andante with Variations, Un piccolo divertimento, H XVII 6); Schumann (Phantasiestücke, Op 12)
10.10 Spitalfields Festival 1991: Jane's Minstrels under Roger Montgomery perform Ravel (Introduction and Allegro); Matthew King (Harvest Songs — first performance); Peter Warlock, arr Anthony Payne (Aspects of Love and Contentment — first performance). 11.05 Michael Oliver talks to Anthony Payne. 11.15 Judith Weir (Don't Let That Horse); Diana Burrell (Barrow — first performance); Ethel Smyth (Odelette; The Dance; Chrysilla; Anacreontic Ode) 12.00-12.05am News

RADIO 4

(s) Stereo on FM
5.55am Shipping Forecast 6.00 News Briefing; Weather 6.10 Prelude (s) 6.30 News; Morning Has Broken, incl Bells on Sunday (s) 6.55 Weather
7.00 News 7.10 Sunday Papers 7.15 The Living World: Michael Scott visits Leighton Moss (r) 7.40 Sunday, incl 7.55 Weather 8.00 News 8.10 Sunday Papers
8.50 Timothy Bavin, Bishop of Portsmouth, speaks for the *Week's Good Cause* on behalf of Alpha House, a charity which offers a new start to young former drug and alcohol abusers 8.55 Weather
9.00 News 9.10 Sunday Papers
9.15 Letter from America (r)
9.30 Morning Service from St Nicholas's Church, Guisborough, Cleveland (s)
10.15 The Archers: Omnibus Edition
11.15 News Stand: Anne Spackman with a personal review of the current crop of magazines and periodicals
11.30 Pick of the Week (s) (r)
12.15pm Desert Island Discs: The conductor Klaus Tennstedt (s) 12.55 Weather
1.00 The World This Weekend 1.55 Shipping Forecast
2.00 Gardeners' Question Time: Members of the Strathearn Horticultural Society in Crieff, Scotland, put their queries to the experts
2.30 Sunday Playhouse: Writing Fiction, by Caryl Phillips. A novelist's former wife begins to attend his seminars for amateur writers. With Stephen Moore as Larry and Jenny Howe as Sarah (s) (r)
4.00 News; Analysis (new series): David Walker reports on progress towards European union (r)
4.47 Time for Verse: Carol Ann Duffy, Simon Rae and Fred D'Aguiar judge BBC radio's poetry competition (s)
5.00 News; Down Your Way: Mr Speaker, Bernard Weatherill, MP, looks around the House of Commons
5.40 Tales of a Dragon Watcher: Roger Wormsley searches for that mythical monster, the dragon (r) 5.50 Shipping Forecast 5.55 Weather
6.00 News
6.15 The Village: Nigel Farrell presents real-life dramas of a small rural community in Hampshire (r)
6.30 Murder Most Foul: The Body in the Trunk. Nick Ross narrates the fourth of six true murder stories. Written by John Scotney (s) (r)
7.00 In Business: Daddy Breaks. Stress on working men (s) (r)
7.30 Bookshelf: J.G. Ballard discusses his new novel, *The Kindness of Women* (r)
8.00 Poetry Now: The second of two readings from the Netherbow Theatre in Edinburgh
8.30 The Lady in Scarlett: Jill Neville travels to Georgia to explore the life of Margaret Mitchell, author of *Gone with the Wind*, as *Scarlett*, its long-awaited sequel, is published this week (r)
9.00 The Natural History Programme (r)
9.30 Special Assignment (r) 9.59 Weather
10.00 News
10.15 Poetry Festival
● CHOICE: Arguably, the way to measure the quality of poetry is to examine the decibel level of the public's response to it. By this audible standard, tonight's Enniskillen recital by two young Irish poets, John Kelly and Rita-Ann Higgins, is an unqualified success. *Her* poem about moonlit baby-making is as accessible to the audience as the simple one about a neutered cat. But is *his* poem about the first word he ever spoke — Czechoslovakia — intended to be as funny as the audience thinks it is?
11.00 A Perspective for Living: Bel Mooney talks to the journalist and biographer Anne Chisholm about how her sister's premature death affected her (1 of 6) (s) (r)
11.30 Seeds of Faith: The Eye of the Storm. The Rev Kenneth Leech Aldgate continues his series of reflections from the city streets with *Desolation Row* (s)
12.00-12.43am News, incl 12.27 Weather 12.33 Shipping

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RADIO 1

FM Stereo and MW. 4.00am Paul McKenna (FM only until 8.00am) 7.00 The Bruno and Liz Breakfast Show 9.30 Dave Lee Travis 12.30pm Pick of the Pops Top 20 charts of 1964, 1976 and 1985 2.30 Phillip Schofield 4.30 The Complete UK Top 40 7.00 Anne Nightingale's Request Show 9.00 Andy Kershaw 11.00 John Peel (FM only after 12.00) 2.00-4.00am Nesle James (FM only)

RADIO 2

FM Stereo 4.00am David Allan: The Early Show 6.00 Graham Knight 7.30 Don Maclean says Good Morning Sunday 9.05 Richard Baker with Melodies for You 11.00 Desmond Carrington Radio 2 All-Time Greats 2.00pm Benny Green 3.00 Alan Dell with Sounds Easy 4.00 The Beautiful Belled Years 4.30 Sing Something Simple 5.00 Charlie Chester 7.00 Black Magic (new series) Stanley Black with his Strings and Sextet 7.45 A Music Pot-Pourri 8.30 Sunday Half Hour 9.00 Alan Keith with Your Hundred Best Tunes 10.00 The Radio 2 Arts Programme: Hey Mr Producer Sheridan Morley talks to the theatrical producer Cameron Mackintosh 12.05am Seven Deadly Singsongs: Avarice (r) 1.00 John Terrett with Night Ride 3.00-4.00 A Little Night Music

RADIO 5

News and sport on the hour until 2.00pm. 6.00am World Service 7.30 Sunday Edition 9.00 Johnnie Walker with The Family Business 10.30 Education Matters (r) 11.00 Business on the Move 11.30 Motoring Madness: The Mini Revolution 12.03pm Open University: Open Forum, 12.22 The Gospels as History; 12.41 Fourth Generation Technology; 1.03 Literature in the Modern World; 1.22 Arts Foundation Course, 1.41 Communication and Education The Welsh Channel 2.00 Sunday Sport, with Jonathan Legard Cricket: Britannic Assurance County Champions v Australia's Sheffield Shield winners. Motor Racing: Portuguese Formula 1 Grand Prix from Estoril; Golf: Epson Grand Prix, final round St Pierre, update on the Ryder Cup 8.00 Sunday Sports Report 7.20 Open University 9.00 Soundprint: Conversations in a Barbershop (r) 9.30 Dragnet: The Big Match 10.00 Sport 10.10 Across the Line, incl at 11.00 Sport 12.00-12.10am Sport

WORLD SERVICE

All times in BST. 5.30am Seeing Stars 5.45 News Headlines in English and French 5.47 British Press Review 5.52 World Business Review 5.57

Family values are flourishing with a liberal line on sex

By Louise Hidalgo

TRADITIONAL family values are flourishing is spite of a change in attitudes to the role of women over the past decade, according to a survey on the British family.

The poll, for *Reader's Digest* magazine, found that in spite of the rise in divorce and single-parent families, most people support marriage and believe the church should do more to emphasise its sanctity. Three-quarters of those questioned said they did not believe marriage was a thing of the past, and more than two-fifths thought divorces should be more difficult to obtain. One in ten people admitted to putting their career before their family.

The survey, conducted by MORI, revealed a marked shift in favour of couples living together before marriage, particularly among the younger generation. In the 16-to-34 age group, almost half had spent on average just over two years cohabiting before marrying. Overall, one in five people lived with their partner before wedlock.

A significant minority adopted a permissive, or perhaps pragmatic, stance on children's sexual behaviour. Two in five said they would allow their unmarried child to sleep with a partner in the parental home; a fifth said they would do so if the child were aged under 18. Forty-four per cent refused to countenance the idea.

Opinion on the role of women was divided by generation, although almost three-quarters of people surveyed rejected the concept of the woman's place being in the home. In the 65-plus age group, this fraction dropped to just over half, while among 15 to 34-year-olds it rose to almost nine in ten. A similar MORI survey nine years ago showed then that four in ten people thought women should not be bound to the home.

In contrast to a survey published earlier this week, marginally more people considered mothers with pre-school children should, ideally, stay in the home rather than go out to work. In a poll of parents with children aged under 16 by *She* magazine, 45 per cent supported their having full-time or part-time work. In the *Reader's Digest* survey, which took a nationally representative sample of 2,075 people aged 15 and over, only 37 per cent took this view, while 45 per cent maintained mothers of young children should be at home. In a 1982 survey for *The Sunday Times*, one in four people supported working mothers.

Children born out of wedlock account for a quarter of all births, according to figures from the Office of Population Censuses and Statistics published earlier this week. A third of the people surveyed thought it was wrong to bear a child outside marriage.

Most single parents surveyed said life as a one-parent unit was tough but manageable, although one in ten said they would not repeat the experience given the choice. Nearly nine out of ten of all respondents felt that absent fathers should be fined if they failed to pay maintenance for children. This view was confirmed by the poll for *She*.

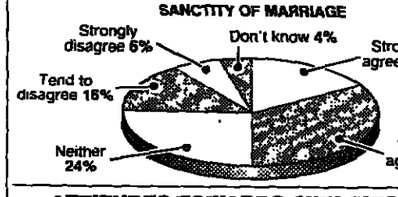
GENERAL ATTITUDES TOWARDS MARRIAGE

Q Could you tell me how strongly you agree or disagree with each of the following...?

MARRIAGE SHOULD BE FOREVER

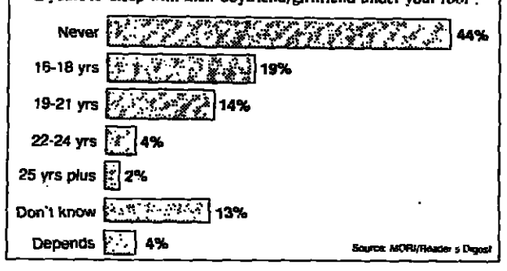


CHURCH SHOULD DO MORE TO EMPHASISE SANCTITY OF MARRIAGE



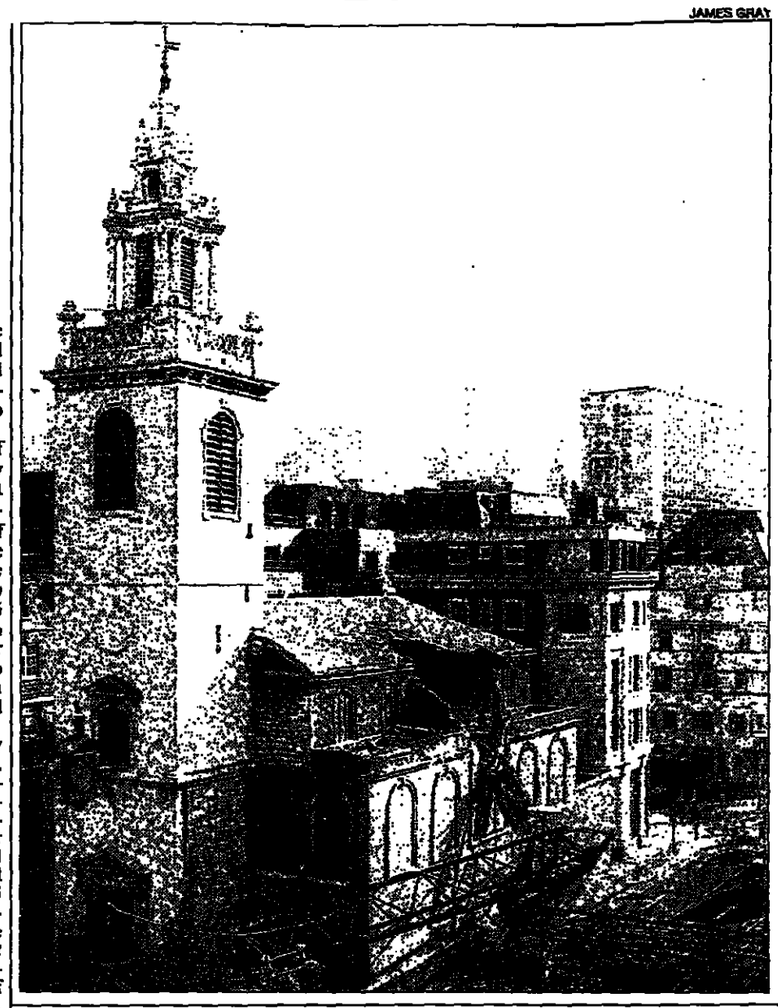
ATTITUDES TOWARDS OWN CHIDREN'S SEXUAL BEHAVIOUR

Q At what age, if ever, would you allow an unmarried child of yours to sleep with their boyfriend/girlfriend under your roof ?



Source: MORI/Reader's Digest

JAMES GRAY





Seeing the light: the Rev John Paul, above, inspects the damage to his church caused by the collapsed crane, left

Crane punches hole in Wren church

By Robin Young

A 170-FT crane crashed through the roof of one of the City of London's Wren churches yesterday, causing damage that it is estimated will cost £2 million to repair.

The crane, working on a new office development at Vintners Place, Upper Thames Street, crumpled and fell at 7.30am yesterday, its counterbalance plummeting through the roof of St James Garlickhythe and into the basement.

The church, extensively restored at a cost of £5 million between 1986 and 1988, had survived the second world war blitz almost unscathed. The only bomb which hit it failed to explode, though it destroyed a chandelier whose replacement, installed in 1968 by the Glass Sellers' Company, has now been destroyed again. The rector, the Reverend John Paul, said yesterday: "It is incredible that this happened. The church survived the second world war when everything around was bombed flat.

"We thought it was indestructible. It was a blessing that no one was hurt. The traffic lights in Upper Thames Street changed to red and stopped the traffic just as the crane was falling."

The concrete counterbalances on the crane smashed through the church's rose window, into the 17th century pews in the nave, and hit the floor of the church with such force that it was lifted at both sides, exposing the crypt below.

"If the church was going to be hit it could not fallen in a better place. It fell in almost the same place as the wartime bomb, but did not hit any of the structural columns and left all the historic furnishings of the church, except the pews, quite unscathed."

The congregation of St James will worship at another Wren church, St Michael Paternoster Royal, just round the corner from their parish.

The crane driver jumped from his cab as the tower collapsed, suffering ankle injuries. He was allowed home after treatment at St Bartholomew's Hospital.

Roads in the area, at the junction of Upper Thames Street and Queen Victoria Street, Blackfriars, were closed for several hours and police reported severe congestion on both sides of the river after the closure of Victoria Embankment.

Hostage wife loses optimism

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release soon. I have lost all my optimism. I just feel that it is finished," she told journalists outside the British consulate in west Beirut.

As the possibility of seeing her husband, Jack Mann, aged 77, a Battle of Britain pilot, faded again, she made plans to leave Beirut for Cyprus. The kidnappers had said yesterday that they would not free any more Western hostages until Israel frees another 20 Arab prisoners.

Javier Pérez de Cuéllar, the UN Secretary-General, told a press conference in New York last night that he was still confident that all hostages would be eventually released. But he said that the negotiations were slow and difficult. "I remain hopeful that in the days ahead there will be good news. With the co-operation of governments and groups... we could attain the release of all detainees."

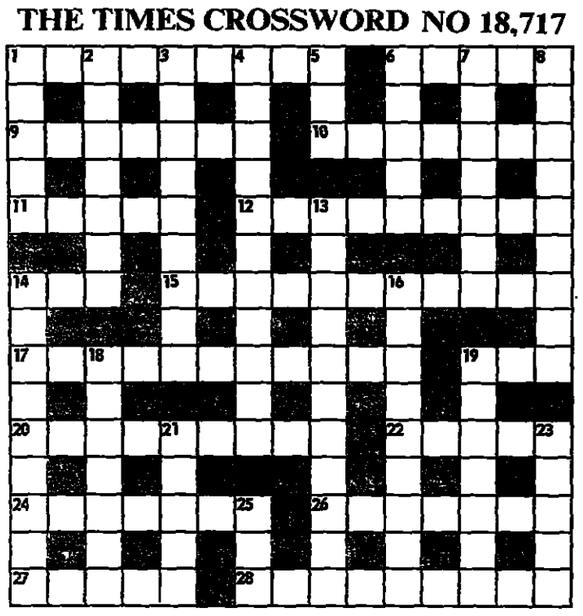
Mrs Mann flew to Beirut from London last week after reports suggested that her husband would be the next hostage to be freed by the kidnappers in response to Israel's release of 51 prisoners and nine bodies of Shia guerrillas. The British government was also encouraged by the reports and dispatched a medical crew to Cyprus to await the release.

Mr Mann's kidnappers, the self-styled Revolutionary Justice Organisation, had then issued a statement claiming that they were holding Mr Mann and American Joseph Cicippio. They confirmed that Mr Mann was alive and in good health. However on Thursday night, the kidnappers sent a statement to a Beirut newspaper saying that it was suspending the release.

A Muslim fundamentalist source here said that the statement issued by the organisation would delay the process of freeing the remaining ten Western hostages. But it does not mean that the deal being brokered by the United Nations secretary-general to free all captives was off.

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ACROSS

1 Hamlet maybe contains one place that's standard (9).
6 Start of story about bad wolf (5).
9 Daddy has to sit holding love child . . . (7).
10 ...don't mention to Grandpa! (7).
11 In the first hour, the boys go round the university (5).
12 Asking for drink — easily persuaded (9).
14 One point angrily seen (3).
15 Wait, say, to have some vegetables in Paris (11).
17 Peanuts and grain (7-4).
19 Small change causing typical confusion (3).
20 Abraham was one apart, rich and troubled (9).
22 Pay-scales for judges (5).
24 Gas and bullets not in arsenal to start with (7).
26 Townscape artist moves out to capture the stream (7).
27 Conductor stops about halfway through opera (5).
28 Find place with loyal firm (9).

DOWN

1 Schoolgirl, maybe, is some looker (5).
2 Appropriate introduction for a poet (7).
3 Voices raised in repartee? (5-4).
4 Distinguished resting place for one despising Shakespeare? (5,6)
5 Mischievous creature in German football team? (3).
6 Deer runs away from horse (5).
7 Bespectacled, ungrateful princess grows wild (7).
8 Treats foe villainously in anticipation (9).
13 Steak and beer free? (11).
14 Alpine music factory? (4-5).
16 Royal burdened terribly by being vulgar (9).
18 Tenuous connection — this fails to add up (7).
19 Two girls on one's knee (7).
21 Some passion I aroused by the Aegean once (5).
23 Tot's derisive expression (5).
25 A pair of saints spoke unexpectedly in the Bible (3).

Solution to puzzle number 18,711

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Solution to Puzzle No 18,716

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WORD WATCHING

A daily safari through the language jungle. Which of the possible definitions is correct?

By Philip Howard

YEGG
a. An ostrich egg
b. A safe-breaker
c. To pretend to be sick

ROTCH
a. The little auk
b. An embroidery back-stitch
c. A triple lever

ESCOPETTE
a. Red curly endive
b. A spy
c. A carbine

CLUNCH
a. To grit one's teeth
b. A picnic lunch
c. A tough clay

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The winners of last Saturday's competition are: P H Dean, Lanchester Road, Highgate, London; A Schuster, Bouverie Gardens, Kenton, Harrow, Middlesex; A Holbrook, Swallows, Sheriff Bank, Greenedd, Ulverston, Cumbria; D H Cecil, Imber Park Road, Esher, Surrey; S Draper, Ham Green House, Holt, Nr Trowbridge, Wiltshire.

WEATHER

England and Wales will start dry with some sunshine but cloud and outbreaks of rain will spread southwards, reaching all but southern regions by the end of the day. Scotland and Northern Ireland will be cloudy with some rain but clearer, showery weather will spread from the northwest during the evening. Temperatures a little above normal but very windy in the North and West. Outlook: bright and showery.

ABROAD

MIDDAY: t=thunder; d=drizzle; fg=fog; s=sun; sl=sleet; sn=snow; f=fair; c=cloud; r=rain

	C	F			C	F	
Ajaccio	27	81	s	Madrid	29	84	f
Alcoteri	25	77	s	Majorca	29	84	s
Alex'dria	27	81	c	Malaga	29	84	s
Algiers	34	93	s	Malta	28	82	t
Amsterdm	17	63	f	Melb'rne	13	55	f
Athens	25	77	s	Miami*	32	90	s
Bahrain	34	93	s	Milan	24	75	c
Bangkok	30	86	t	Montreal*	14	57	c
Barbados*	31	88	f	Moscow	8	46	c
Barcelna	27	81	s	Munich	18	61	r
Beirut	28	82	s	Nairobi	27	81	s
Belgrade	24	75	s	Naples	28	82	s
Berlin	17	63	f	N Delhi	34	94	s
Bermuda*	29	84	s	N York*	18	64	c
Biarritz	25	77	s	Nice	26	79	s
Borde'x	27	81	f	Oslo	17	63	s
Brussels	19	66	s	Paris	21	70	s
Budapst	23	73	s	Peking	24	75	s
B Aires*	16	61	s	Perth	18	64	f
Cairo	30	86	f	Prague	16	61	c
Cape Tn	16	61	s	Reykjavik	11	52	c
Chicago*	11	52	c	Rhodes	25	77	s
Ch'church	11	52	r	Rio de J	21	70	f
Cologne	18	64	s	Riyadh	41	106	s
C'phagn	16	61	s	Rome	26	79	s
Corfu	26	79	s	Salzburg	19	66	f
Dublin	15	59	c	S F'risco*	17	63	c
Florence	27	81	s	Seoul	20	68	f
Frankfurt	20	68	s	Sing'por	30	86	f
Funchal	25	77	f	St'kholm	16	61	s
Geneva	21	70	s	Strasb'rg	20	68	s
Gibraltar	25	77	s	Sydney	18	64	s
Helsinki	13	55	c	Tangier	27	81	f
Hong K	32	90	s	Tel Aviv	29	82	f
Innsbrck	20	68	r	Tenerife	26	82	b
Istanbul	18	64	r	Tokyo	21	70	r
Jeddah	33	91	s	Toronto*	12	54	c
Jo'burg*	26	79	s	Tunis	29	84	s
Karachi	26	79	s	Valencia	27	81	s
L Palmas	26	79	c	Vanc'ver*	17	63	s
La Tquet	20	68	s	Venice	24	75	r
Lisbon	23	82	f	Vienna	21	70	s
Locarno	24	75	c	Warsaw	16	61	r
London	19	66	f	Wash'ton*	19	66	c

* denotes figures are latest available

HIGHEST & LOWEST

Thursday: Highest day temp: Ventnor, Isle of Wight, 21C, (70F); lowest day max: Eskdalemuir, Dumfries and Galloway, 12C (54F); highest rainfall: Lerwick, Shetland, 0.49 in; highest sunshine, Minehead, Somerset, 10 hr.

MANCHESTER

Yesterday: Temp: max 6am to 6pm, 18C (64F), min 6pm to 6am, 5C (41F). Rain: 24hr to 6pm, nil. Sun 24hr to 6pm, 9 hr.

GLASGOW

Yesterday: Temp: max 6am to 6pm, 16C (61F), min 6pm to 6am, 10C (50F). Rain: 24hr to 6pm, 0.08 in. Sun 24hr to 6pm, 2.7 hr.

ABROAD YESTERDAY

	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F	
Aberdeen	1.9	-	17	63	cloudy
Anglesey	6.4	-	17	63	bright
Aviemore	1.4	.05	14	57	shower
Belfast	3.5	-	15	59	cloudy
Birmingham	7.8	-	19	66	bright
Blackpool	8.5	-	17	63	sunny
Bournemouth	7.8	-	19	66	bright
Bristol	9.7	-	18	64	sunny
Clacton	7.7	-	20	68	bright
Colwyn Bay	6.2	-	17	63	bright
Cromer	9.2	-	18	64	sunny
Eastbourne	8.5	-	19	66	sunny
Edinburgh	1.6	.01	15	59	rain
Exmouth	4.1	-	18	64	sunny
Falmouth	3.0	-	18	64	cloudy
Folkestone	8.2	-	19	66	sunny
Glasgow	0.8	.09	14	57	shower
Hastings	9.8	-	19	66	sunny
Jersey	8.0	-	19	66	bright
Kinloss	2.1	.01	15	59	cloudy
Leeds	7.8	-	17	63	bright
Lerwick	5.6	.49	13	55	shower
Littlehampton	8.6	-	19	66	sunny
London	8.8	-	19	66	sunny
Lowestoft	7.7	-	19	66	sunny
Minehead	10.0	-	17	63	sunny
Newcastle	4.3	-	16	61	sunny
Newquay	0.7	-	16	61	cloudy
Nottingham	8.5	-	17	63	bright
Penzance	6.0	-	18	64	sunny
Plymouth	4.9	-	17	63	bright
Poole	9.0	-	19	66	bright
Sandown	7.3	-	19	66	bright
Staunton Snd	9.8	-	18	64	sunny
Scilly Isles	8.8	-	16	66	sunny
Southsea	8.4	-	19	66	sunny

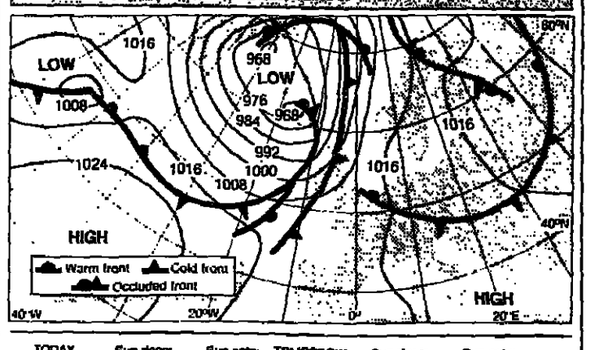
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Austria Sch	21.50	20.00
Belgium Fr	63.00	59.00
Canada $	2.067	1.917
Denmark Kr	11.82	11.07
Finland Mkk	7.48	7.03
France Fr	10.37	9.72
Germany Dm	3.055	2.855
Greece Dr	335.00	315.00
Hong Kong $	14.00	13.00
Ireland Pt	1.14	1.07
Italy Lire	2295.00	2145.00
Japan Yen	248.75	230.75
Netherlands Gld	3.44	3.22
Norway Kr	12.02	11.22
Portugal Esc	261.50	243.50
South Africa Rd	5.40	4.40
Spain Pts	190.50	177.50
Sweden Kr	11.19	10.44
Switzerland Fr	2.665	2.465
Turkey Lira	8600.00	7800.00
USA $	1.82	1.89
Yugoslavia Dnr	DNB	40.00

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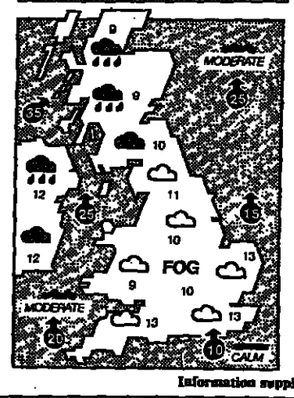


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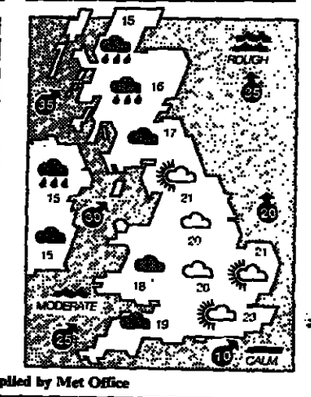
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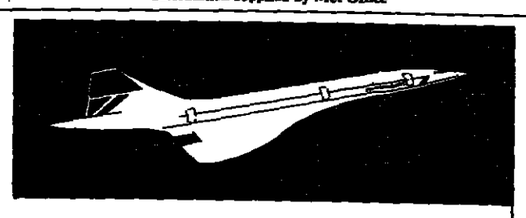
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WEEKEND MONEY

Bid fever

BTR, the engineering conglomerate, launched a £1.5 billion bid for Hawker Siddeley, ending a week of marked optimism on the timing of economic recovery underpinned by several large bids. Hanson agreed a £353 million deal with Beazer, the building concern. Williams Holdings, another of the conglomerates which emerged in the Eighties, made a £753 million offer for Racal Electronics, which was immediately rejected.

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Hawker bid, page 21



David Smith, the accountant who led the £2 billion bid for Gateway, the supermarkets group, will receive £1 million after his departure yesterday. Finance director Liz Hignell is also leaving and will pick up £750,000 ..... Page 20

Playing on fears

An accident policy for school children, endorsed by the National Confederation of Parent-Teacher Associations is more expensive than the association's ..... Page 24

Higher rates

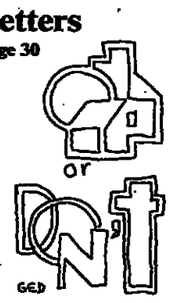
Postal savings accounts are offering higher rates than branch-based accounts because they have lower overheads, but rates are likely to fall ..... Page 25

Locking in

Five-year fixed-rate mortgages are here from Barclays, the Woolwich and the Abbey National. Borrowers should act now..... Page 25

Letters

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The Nationwide Building Society is still charging interest on one reader's mortgage, despite the fact that his matured endowment policies paid off the mortgage in July. Letters to the chief executive gave no explanation.

Jobs lost

GPT, a joint venture between GEC of Britain and Siemens of Germany, has failed to open markets abroad for its telephone exchanges. About 1,100 jobs will go..... Page 20

Sun stake

Sun Life, one of the UK's largest insurers, has resolved years of uncertainty over its ownership, with a French-South African joint venture taking 60 per cent..... Page 21

Ricoh buys in

Ricoh, the Japanese maker of office equipment, is buying 24.2 per cent of Gestetner Holdings for £122.3 million ..... Tempus, page 21



Anne Gilbert, of Principal Investment Management, has a scheme to pay medical insurance premiums from a tax-free Pep income, but offers no guarantee the income from the Pep will cover the premiums. ..... Page 29

Goldman call

The government will soon sell the second half of BT. It has appointed Goldman Sachs to head the American sales in place of the scandal-hit Salomon BrothersPage 21

Court date

David Coleridge, the chairman of Lloyd's, and his forerunners Murray Lawrence and Sir Peter Miller are likely to be witnesses in a court case next year..Page 21

Germans out

Otto Versand, the German mail order group, surprised the market by selling its stakes in Next and Fine Art Developments ..... Page 20

Rentals boom



The housing slump has trebled the number of houses for rent as owners give up the hunt for buyers and let their homes to cover outgoings. Rents have fallen and there are bargains to be had. Demand for country houses and cottages on beautiful estates, however, far outstrips supply Page 23

WEEK ENDING
Matthew Bond

The Lord giveth...

At last, Week Ending can bring readers concrete evidence that there is a God; or at least a divine being who looks after right-minded City folk. According to converts such as Brian Beazer, who have witnessed his power and benefited from his munificence, He also goes by the name of James Hanson.

Certainly his power is awesome. On Monday, or the first day as He insists on calling it, He looked at the world and saw that it was pretty awful, and indeed had been for some considerable time. "Enough," he thundered, briefly flirting with the idea of bringing about another deluge before remembering that Lord Sterling had pretty much cornered the market in arks.

Relenting, He commanded "Let there be recovery". And lo, there was recovery, and the air was filled with the sound of multi-billion pound takeover deals being launched as his disciples enthusiastically spread news of these glad tidings. This transformation, of course, caused the inevitable wonderment among the masses, most of whom were still feeling



bust as buttons. Surely He had seen the latest money supply figures, they muttered, which showed M0 falling once again, or July's 1.4 per cent decline in retail sales? Had He not witnessed the sad figure of Gerald Ratner, the jeweller, who, at the vulnerable age of 41, was told that Father Christmas could not be so generous this year?

Indeed He had, but He had also spoken with another mysterious figure, the Governor, who reminded him of some industrial production figures that might suit the divine cause. And so it was that the first day also saw manufacturing output rising by a Lazarus-like 0.5 per cent and even the Governor, apparently en route for Damascus, saw that this was good and joined in the celebrations, a conversion that caused much wailing and gnashing of teeth in the camp of the Kinnockites.

The first day had come not a minute too soon for Brian Beazer, chairman of the eponymous construction company, who as regular readers of this column will know finished last week looking doomed to a prolonged purgatorial spell shovelling American aggregates in an effort to assuage the considerable wrath of the money lenders. No surprisingly, the prospect held little appeal, so when the trumpets sounded Mr Beazer threw down his shovel and ran unfalteringly towards £350 million worth of gloriously blinding light.

As ever, others have proved deaf to the message of corporate salvation. No amount of trumpet calls was ever going to win round Racal Electronics, where the disciples Rudd and McGowan spent the second day attempting to find a deserving home for the £753 million they were committed to giving away. Clearly the modern day disciple is better off using portable phones to get the message over.

The best, or at least the biggest, bid was, of course, saved until last, when with all the enthusiasm and zeal of the recent convert, BTR brought a £1.5 billion message of hope to Hawker Siddeley. But it too looked destined to fall on stoney ground.

Nevertheless, five days and £2.5 billion on, He looked upon his work and saw that it was good. So on the sixth and seventh days he . . . retired, to ponder ICL

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BUSINESS PROFILE: **David Prosser**

Cool head among the risk-takers

Carol Leonard catches up with a Welsh chief executive who wants to bring the best of British out of Legal & General



PETER TRIEVNOR

Horseplay: Rosemary and David Prosser, who admit to having a fiery relationship, relax with Joey

David Prosser removes his jacket, pours the tea and sinks into a low, leather armchair, stretching out the long limbs of his 6ft 4ins frame. It has been a difficult day.

He has just succeeded Joe Palmer, chief executive of Legal & General, Britain's fourth largest insurance company which is capitalised at £2.1 billion and has £18.5 billion of funds under management. On his first day he has had to unveil its interim results — a loss of £84.6 million, against profits of £41.5 million last time, and one caused largely by a prudent but massive increase in reserves to cover mortgage guarantee claims.

That day's *Evening Standard* carries a quote from one City insurance analyst declaring that Mr Prosser will be given "just one chance". He reads it out loud, gives an exasperated laugh, feigns a look of desperation, but later admits that it is just that sort of bare-faced challenge that he relishes. He will rise to it, of course, and in his own mind there is no doubt that he will succeed. "It is a challenge," he says. "Another mountain to climb."

As he speaks, his South Wales accent is discernible. It is softer and more rounded than a Cardiff brogue, more typical of Barry, the small coastal town where he was born. Wearing boyish, metal-framed glasses, he looks up to ten years younger than his 47 years, and although in repose he has a dour face, he smiles readily, laughs often, gesticulates constantly and makes a point of remembering your name.

I ask Mr Prosser a question. It is greeted with silence. I pause, wait expectantly, interject with another. He ignores the second question, answers only the first and seems oblivious to my impatience. "Oh yes, I know," laughs his wife, Rosemary. "I can find it very frustrating at times. He is a very deliberate speaker." He thinks everything through and has developed a means of maintaining the silence: he will stroke his chin, frown, stare intently up at the ceiling, or off into the distance, say "umm" and "err" repeatedly, and only resume eye contact when he is ready to reply.

Mr Prosser is, in short, a rare breed. He is exceptionally intelligent. He was always at or near the top of his class at school — Ogmore Grammar in Bridgend, Mid Glamorgan — gained a first in mathematics at Aberystwyth University and qualified as an actuary while working at Sun Alliance. He is in no sense shy and studious, however. At school he was head boy, played number eight in the rugby team, was given a trial for the Welsh Secondary School team and a half cap for representing Glamorgan against the Anglo-Welsh. He complains that school work interfered with his rugby, that he did maths because he found it easy, and although he is happy in his own company, he has always enjoyed the occasional party and insists that he mixes well.

He is, nevertheless, seen by some as being cool and reserved, is reputed to be a tough man-manager, is criticised for being quick to admonish and slow to praise — criticisms he would dispute. He is also renowned for enjoying a good argument and for displaying the occasional flash of temper.

"I'm a very direct, no nonsense manager," says Mr Prosser. "I'm not easily diverted and I'm a strong believer in delegation with accountability. I am analytical and I insist upon understanding before taking a decision. I am demanding. I certainly do not suffer fools, and no, I would not always be polite, not with people I work with every day. I believe in intellectual integrity. I am also fairly succinct — I do not like a lot of waffle."

Paul Whitney, who succeeded Mr Prosser as chief executive of CIN, the fund management arm of the Coal Board pension fund, says: "I don't think he necessarily enjoys arguing, but he is very bright and if someone puts up a view that he doesn't agree with first time round, he wants to make sure it's well thought out. He demands and brings out the best in people."

Mr Prosser's cool, reserved exterior belies the fire within, true to his Celtic ancestry. "I don't lose my temper that often, but if something has gone wrong through human error, I do get very annoyed. Yes, I do let it show, I explode. I have been known to swear occasionally — I'm a South Wales rugby playing forward, so what do you expect?"

Such passionate outbursts can be more frequent in the privacy of his four-bedroom Surrey home. He reveals that he and his English wife, a non-practising solicitor and the mother of his two daughters, aged 15 and 12, "do not have a placid relationship".

"It is quite fiery, up and down," he says. "The children used to referee, now they join in. I think it's because we are both strong individuals. We used to have long periods when we didn't speak to each other, for a day or two, but I think we've grown up a little."

He says that one of his "little joys" is the car journey to the station every morning, for him to catch the train to London, and for his daughters to travel to Guildford for school. "I hear them talking about their schools. It's a routine that allows all our lives to touch."

Despite his obvious success, Mr Prosser is not the type of man to become pompous or stuffy. According to his wife, if he has changed over the years, it is simply that he has become less reserved. Mr Prosser's father, born into a family of hill farmers, in the mining town of Pontypridd, was the first to break with tradition, becoming a maths teacher. Although Mr Prosser says he draws "some satisfaction" from being well paid, he is not motivated by money alone. He has just exchanged his Jaguar for a Mitsubushi Shogun, his wife drives a seven-year-old Volkswagen Golf. "He is very careful with money, he does not like anything flashy," says Mrs Prosser. "He would definitely never be a Porsche driver, and he buys all his clothes in the sales."

Sir Michael Richardson, chairman of Smith New Court and cited by Mr Prosser as a friend, says: "When he started at the Coal Board he was just a Welsh boy with nothing. But he was always straightforward, a born leader. He now has a touch of the chief executive about him, that special quality, and he has developed into a bigger man than any of us would have thought possible. The more he gets given to do, the better he does it. He must be just about the most exciting man in the City."

Mr Prosser's career has taken him from Sun Alliance to Hoare Govett and then to CIN. When he joined Legal & General three years ago, to run its investment department, the group was in a sorry state. During the previous five years, its fully discretionary managed fund was placed joint bottom of a list of 34 funds and none of its unit trusts had produced an above-average performance for three years. Mr Prosser cleared out an overloading of American equities, believing the dollar to be too high. He also reduced the group's exposure to property. On both counts, history has proved him right. At the same time, he made more than 20 per cent of his 500 employees redundant. He is now responsible for 5,000 staff in Britain.

He believes next spring will be the "real turning point" for the property market, and intends to turn Legal & General into the best pensions and insurance business in the UK. Does that also mean the biggest? "The biggest is a very big mountain," he says. "The Pru is twice our size. Biggest may not be attainable for me, but if I can get it on the right track. . ."

Suddenly, the goalposts become clear. He may not want to declare the stakes publicly, but there is no doubt that this tenacious, clever Welshman has them firmly within his sights.

Curiouser and curiouser, these ATMs

By Nick Nuttall
Technology Correspondent

WHILE most people are just pleased to see cash tumbling from cashpoint machines the companies who make, market and install them are studying more curious ideas.

Not content with cramming an increasingly bewildering array of messages about mortgages and holiday loans on to the screens, some firms are beginning to conjure more elaborate offerings in a bid to expand markets and potential customers.

Some banks in America, for example, have started selling space on their automatic teller machines (ATMs) to such soft drinks companies as Coca-Cola. The idea, which helps the bank cover the machine's installation cost, also helps Coca-Cola market their drinks more aggressively.

Users of automatic tellers not only get Coca-Cola advertisements when they dial for dollars but also money off vouchers, the number of which is linked to the size of the withdrawal. Bob Sutherland, product manager of NCR in Dundee, Tayside, said it had proved a highly effective marketing partnership. At supermarkets offering the service, children can now be seen hectoring their mothers to take out more money to obtain extra vouchers to buy more Coca-Cola.



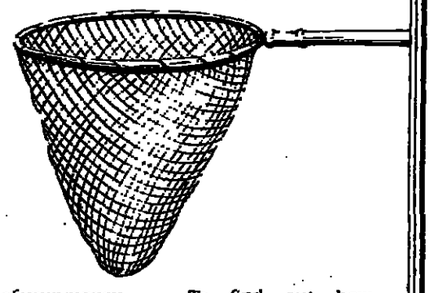
In a move with important implications for a more flexible Europe and the single market after 1992, some cashpoints in Hong Kong are now offering multi-language instructions for cashpoint customers. The cards' magnetic stripes are coded to display messages on the screens in either Chinese or English.

Mr Sutherland said the technology was available to offer multilingual services in Europe so that an executive from London doing business in Paris can use the machines in his native tongue. Even dispensing different currencies is not beyond the wit of the modern cashpoint.

In Andorra, ATMs can dispense cash in several currencies. The same technology is being adopted to boost the video trade in America where an ATM has been adapted to entice customers into hiring or buying videos, rather than withdrawing cash, by showing film previews.



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1.7270 (–0.0020)
German mark
2.9204 (+0.0027)
Exchange index
91.0 (same)
Bank of England official close (4pm)

STOCK MARKET

FT 30 share
2038.8 (+27.5)
FT-SE 100
2600.3 (+11.6)
New York Dow Jones
3031.53 (+7.16)*
Tokyo Nikkei Avge
23192.74 (–139.57)

INTEREST RATES

London: Bank Base: 10½%
3-month interbank 10$^{3}/_{32}$-10¼%
3-month eligible bills 9$^{27}/_{32}$-9$^{25}/_{32}$%
US: Prime Rate 6%
Federal Funds 5$^{15}/_{16}$%*
3-month Treasury Bills 5.19-5.17%*
30-year bonds 102$^{11}/_{16}$-102¾*

CURRENCIES

London:	New York:
£: $1.7255	£: $1.7298*
£: DM2.9170	$: DM1.6850*
£: SwFr2.5460	$: SwFr1.4705*
£: FFr9.9432	$: FFr5.7455*
£: Yen231.91	$: Yen134.37*
£: Index91.0	$: Index65.1
ECU £0.700397	SDR £0.784841
£: ECU1.427761	£: SDR1.274143

London forex market close

GOLD

London Fixing:
AM $347.55 pm-$348.60
close $347.80-348.20 (£201.40-201.90)
New York:
Comex $348.15-348.65*

NORTH SEA OIL

Brent (Oct) ..... $20.50 bbl ($20.30)

RETAIL PRICES

RPI: 134.1 August (1987=100)

* Denotes midday trading price

THE SUNDAY TIMES

The return of the takeover

The bidders are back with a vengeance. First Lord Hanson stepped in to snap up Beazer, then Nigel Rudd pounced on Racal Electronics. And BTR's megabid for Hawker Siddeley capped the lot. But more are on the way . . .

Andrew Lorenz, in The Sunday Times tomorrow

Poor sales lead GPT to cut 1,100 jobs

By Ross Tieman, Industrial Correspondent

GPT, the telephone equipment company, declared 1,100 workers redundant yesterday, 940 of them in Liverpool. The cutbacks also include the loss of 125 jobs in Coventry, where a further 400 positions are under threat unless employees agree to short-time working.

Forty-four jobs are also expected to go at GPT's factory in Beeston, Nottinghamshire.

The company blamed the redundancies on a fall in current and prospective orders for its System X public telephone exchanges, which are manufactured at plants in Liverpool and Coventry.

Union leaders acknowledged the difficulties caused by a slowdown in orders from BT, the telecoms utility, during the first half, but accused the company of insufficient consultation. City analysts, however, said the rationalisation was overdue, and was largely designed to improve GPT's profitability.

The focus of the job losses will be GPT's Edge Lane factory in Liverpool, where 3,000 are employed in the manufacture of telephone exchange systems. There, 620 employees are to lose their jobs. Another 320 field installation staff based in Liverpool will be made redundant.

Yesterday's cutbacks are the latest in a long round of job reductions, which have stemmed from the replacement of electro-magnetic switches at BT exchanges with the modern, electronic System X. The work was originally shared by BT between plants owned by Plessey and the General Electric Company.

They merged their telephone equipment business in 1988 to form GPT, a 60-40 joint venture between GEC and Siemens of Germany. Installation of System X exchanges in Britain is likely to be completed in 1995. Despite strenuous efforts to sell the system abroad, GPT has faced stiff competition from overseas rivals, including Siemens and Ericsson of Sweden. So far, it has only four main export orders: from Kenya, Colombia, the Philippines and Gibraltar.

Mike Robinson, regional officer of the technical union MSF, said GPT's difficulties in winning export sales were compounded by the lack of government support enjoyed by overseas rivals, and its unwillingness to make "loss leader" sales in order to gain a foothold in foreign markets.

Jim Ross, electronics analyst at stockbroker Hoare Govett, said: "This is a restructuring which is long overdue. It is not really a workload issue, it is a profit margins issue. GPT is trying to get its profit margins up."

Williams criticises Racal

By Our City Staff

WILLIAMS Holdings, the industrial holding group headed by Nigel Rudd and Brian McGowan, says that it will increase the profitability of Racal Electronics significantly if its £700 million takeover offer is successful.

In a letter to Racal shareholders posted last night with the formal Williams offer document, they say that a number of Racal's activities are similar to those of Williams and contrast recent returns earned by both..

"In the six months to June 30 our operating profits as a percentage of sales were 17 per cent during a period when the broad economic conditions were as unfavourable as had been encountered for many years."

Racal profits had declined during the past five years despite substantial capital spending and significant spending on acquisitions, the letter said. "Perhaps of even more concern is the low net margin of the business. On a turnover of of £1.55 billion during the year to March 31, the operating profits of £33.4 million give a return on sales of just 2.2 per cent".

Racal is advising its shareholders to ignore the offer documents.

DENZIL McNEELANCE



Still at Liberty: no approach, says Harry Weblin

Liberty plans to keep its freedom

By Gillian Bowditch

LIBERTY & Co, the retail group, is adopting a Japanese flavour this winter, with its participation in the Japan Festival, oriental Christmas displays and its new Muji shop next to the London flagship store, but it has no plans to go the way of Aquascutum or DAKS Simpson and become a subsidiary of a Japanese company.

Liberty says there has been no approach to the company. Harry Weblin, chairman, says speculation of recent weeks has not been helpful.

In August, Brian Myerson, the South African investor who put Aquascutum into play last year, bought a small stake in Liberty. He has less than 1 per cent of the voting shares, which make up 77 per cent of Liberty's share capital.

Liberty is determined to remain independent and has plans for expansion. The Japan Festival could add £500,000 to sales and the Muji shop, which is a joint venture with the Japanese Saison Group, is trading well.

Mr Weblin said trading conditions in the first half had been the most difficult for over a decade. Pre-tax profits for the six months to August 3 fell 36.3 per cent to £1.7 million on sales down 7.7 per cent at £38.1 million. Earnings per share were 5.13p (9.27p). The dividend has risen 8.8 per cent to 1.85p.

Two Isosceles directors to leave with £1.8m package

By Gillian Bowditch

DAVID Smith and Elizabeth Hignell, the architects of Isosceles's highly leveraged £2.1 billion bid for Gateway supermarkets, are to leave the group after differences in management style with the rest of the board. Ernest Sharp, Isosceles's chairman, said Mr Smith and Miss Hignell, who will share a £1.8 million payoff, were leaving on friendly terms.

The departure of Mr Smith, the chief executive, and Miss Hignell, the finance director, surprised the City which interpreted the moves as a boardroom coup. Both had been expected to stay with the group until its flotation.

There was talk that there had been a disagreement about the timing of the flotation with Mr Smith favouring next spring and the rest of the board wanting to postpone going public.

Mr Sharp denied there was a disagreement but said that in any discussion on flotation, Mr Smith would certainly have been at the earlier end of the range of dates. He said the board was considering flotation within one to three years' time. Mr Sharp said talk that Wasserstein Perella, which holds 40 per cent of Isosceles and which is sitting on a large paper loss, was behind a move to oust Mr Smith and Miss Hignell, was unfounded.

He said the differences had gradually emerged during the last few months, but it was only within the last two weeks that there was a mutual agreement to part company.

Mr Smith's and Miss Hignell's contracts will be honoured in full. Both had three-year contracts of £337,500 and £225,000 annually respectively, which had two years left to run. Both were guaranteed 10 per cent pay increases annually and both were due £250,000 in bonuses during the next two years.

Before pension benefits and compensation for share options, Mr Smith's payoff is £1.03 million and Miss Hignell's £770,000. Bob Willett, the chief executive of Gateway Foodmarkets, will be joining Isosceles's board.

BUSINESS ROUNDUP

RM Douglas agrees £85m bid by Tilbury

TILBURY, the property and construction group, has made an agreed £85.3 million offer for R.M Douglas, the Midlands construction company. Shareholders may elect to accept a paper offer of 81 new Tilbury shares for every 100 Douglas shares, which values Douglas shares at 544p each, or opt for cash of 498p a share in respect of up to 40 per cent of their holdings. Tilbury has received irrevocable undertakings for 70.6 per cent of the capital.

At the same time, Tilbury announced its interim pre-tax profits had dropped by a third, to £6.7 million, on sales of £89 million (£107 million). The dividend increased, however, from 1.164p to 2.137p.

Perkins buys German firm

PERKINS Foods, the acquisitive food manufacturer and distributor, is expanding its European operations by buying G & K Potato Tiefkuhlprodukte, which supplies supermarkets with frozen foods, for a total of DM3.7 million. The company, based near Dusseldorf in Germany, is a subsidiary of Hillsdown Holdings.

Cresta down at £970,000

CRESTA Holdings, the nursing and retirement homes group, suffered a 67 per cent fall in interim profits following losses at its property division. Pre-tax profits declined to £970,000 (£2.95 million) in the six months to end-June, on turnover of £8.54 million (£21.8 million). The interim dividend stays at 0.7p.

Sovereign Gas climbs

SOVEREIGN Oil & Gas, subject of an agreed £83.4 million bid by Neste Oy, the Finnish state oil company, increased net income from £50,000 to £61,000 in the first half of this year, as higher sterling oil prices lifted turnover from £7.23 million to £8.38 million. Pre-tax profits were £507,000 (£324,000), while earnings were unchanged at 0.1p a share.

The bid may attract the attention of the monopolies commission because of government concern over the transfer of control of British companies to state-owned European groups.

New chief at Strata helm

STRATA Investments, the investment trust specialising in smaller companies and managed by Henderson Administration, has appointed Frans ten Bos as chairman. Mr ten Bos takes over from Michael Allsopp, chairman since 1985. Strata has also appointed Davina Walter, a Henderson fund manager, to the board.

Calls for Smurfit to go

MICHAEL Smurfit has been urged to resign as chairman of Telecom Eireann, the Irish state-owned telecommunications company. The calls came from Irish Opposition politicians after Dr Smurfit said one of his private investment companies was a party in the sale of an Dublin site now owned by Telecom Eireann.

Delay in Holmes vote

SHAREHOLDERS in Holmes Protection will not be able to vote next Tuesday on restructuring proposals.

Seeking approval to refinance debts of $66.1 million, the alarms company had convened shareholders to vote on the package at a special meeting. However, the circular convening shareholders incorrectly stated that the restructuring could proceed a majority of favourable votes cast. In fact, the proposals require the approval of more than 50 per cent of all shares. Holmes also reported interim losses of $1.39 million.

LONDON TRADED OPTIONS

	Series	Calls Oct	Calls Jan	Calls Apr	Puts Oct	Puts Jan	Puts Apr
Allied Lyons (*647)	550	116	125	131	4	15	20
	600	70	90	99	17	25	37
	650	42	73	73	40	57	50
ASDA (*70)	60	12	17	19	5	9½	11
	70	6	11	12	12	15	16
	80	3	6	9½	21	22	23
Bass (*983)	929	67	–	–	7	–	–
	977	32	–	–	22	–	–
	1026	12	–	–	55	–	–
Boots (*417)	390	35	42	53	3	-9	10½
	420	12	23	35	15	20	24
	460	2½	9	18	46	47	49
Br Airways (*186)	160	27	30	35	1½	4½	7
	180	11	17	22	5	11	13
	200	3	7½	13	17	22	25
BP (*331)	300	34	39	43	1	4	6½
	330	10	18	24	6½	12	17
	360	1½	6	10	31	32	34
Br Steel (*129)	120	12	14½	17	1¼	3½	5½
	130	5	8	12	4½	8½	9½
	140	2	4	7½	12	14	15
C & W (*550)	500	55	70	–	4	9	–
	550	18	37	52	14	27	32
	600	4	17	31	55	58	62
CU (*517)	460	58	72	–	1½	3½	–
	500	24	42	50	7	15	21
	550	3½	15	24	42	45	48
Courtauld (*480)	420	62	71	87	1	5	8
	460	28	42	58	7	14	18
	500	8	22	36	26	32	34
GKN (*580)	530	54	63	69	1½	4½	9
	560	27	40	48	4	11	19
	590	9½	26	30	18	25	35
Grand Met (*822)	800	49	72	79	12	32	39
	850	18	37	58	43	57	63
	900	3	21	35	87	92	97
ICI (*1278)	1250	56	102	120	23	40	62
	1300	27	74	91	45	65	85
	1350	12½	53	68	86	93	115
Kingfisher (*556)	500	55	70	85	3	9	14
	550	19	38	53	18	29	35
	600	3½	19	32	55	57	58
Ladbroke (*262)	249	20	25	34	5½	10	14
	268	7½	16	24	13	18	24
	287	3	9	15	29	32	35
Land Sec (*539)	460	84	88	99	1	2	4
	500	45	53	66	2	7½	10½
	550	8	20	33	19	28	32
M & S (*267)	260	14	21	29	4	9	10½
	280	5	11	18	15	19	21
	300	1½	5	10½	35	36	36
Sainsbury (*351)	326	29	37	–	2	6½	–
	356	7	18	–	11	16	–
	386	2	7	–	39	39	–
Shell (*900)	460	45	61	64	2	5	9
	500	15	33	36	10	17	24
	550	2	9	14	52	52	55
Smith Beech (*767)	750	38	59	83	12	25	31
	800	13	36	55	40	48	53
	850	3	18	34	85	87	90
Storehse (*114)	110	8	11	14	3	8	10
	120	3	6	9½	10	15	17
	130	1½	4	6½	18	22	23
Trafalgar (*240)	211	32	36	–	2	10	–
	231	15	22	–	7	19	–
	251	6½	12	–	19	32	–
Unitmar (*241)	240	13	19	24	6	11	15
	260	5	11	14	22	25	28
	280	2	5½	7	40	40	42
Unilever (*756)	650	108	–	–	1	–	–
	700	59	77	–	2	8½	–
	750	24	44	58	14	25	33
	800	6	22	31	52	55	62
Utd Biscs (*395)	360	39	45	51	2	7	11
	390	14	26	33	11	17	24
	420	4	13	19	35	36	42

	Series	Calls Nov	Calls Feb	Calls May	Puts Nov	Puts Feb	Puts May
BAA (*490)	390	70	75	–	2	5	–
	420	43	52	63	6	12	18
	460	13	28	40	22	28	32
BAT Ind (*640)	600	50	65	75	6	11	17
	650	20	39	49	25	31	42
	700	6	19	32	67	68	73
	750	2	8	19	118	119	122
BTR (*410)	390	35	47	51	4½	9	16
	420	15	27	32	16	21	29
	460	3½	11½	17	50	52	57
Br Aero (*428)	390	42	57	62	8	16	22
	420	24	40	43	20	28	33
	460	8	23	26	47	52	63
Br Telecom (*395)	360	45	50	58	3	7	9
	390	22	31	38	9½	16	19
	420	7	15	23	26	32	34
Cadbury (*416)	390	41	53	57	9	15	22
	420	25	38	42	21	27	34
	460	10	20	26	48	48	55
Guinness (*1038)	950	93	122	140	8	15	23
	1000	55	87	103	18	30	42
	1050	29	58	75	43	52	65
GEC (*191)	180	16	19	25	3	5	7
	200	4	8½	12½	13	14½	16
	220	1	3½	6½	31	32	33
Hanson (*226)	200	31	33½	35½	1	4½	5½
	220	14	17½	22½	4½	11	13
	240	4¾	8	13	15	23½	24½
LASMO (*305)	300	20	33	35	11	15	20
	330	7	17	22	32	33	37
	360	3	8½	13	59	59	59
Lucas (*153)	140	28	21	27	4½	6½	8
	160	6	9	15	15	17	19
	180	3	5	8	31	33	33
P & O (*495)	472	37	54	–	9	15	–
	519	14	30	35	32	38	48
	566	4	14	18	78	75	80
Pilkington (*156)	140	20	22	–	3½	7½	–
	160	9	14	20	12	17	19
	180	2½	6½	11	29	32	34

	Series	Calls Nov	Calls Feb	Calls May	Puts Nov	Puts Feb	Puts May
Prudential (*255)	240	23	31	34	4	6½	10½
	260	9½	19	23	13	14	18
	280	3	10	13	28	29	31
Racal Elec (*56)	51	8	10	–	2½	4	–
	55	5	–	–	4½	–	–
	60	3	4½	–	7	8	–
RTZ (*351)	500	60	77	84	4	9	16
	550	24	45	52	17	28	35
	600	7	23	30	55	59	62
Scot Newc (*407)	360	54	59	–	1½	6½	–
	390	29	38	50	8½	16	20
	420	13	22	34	24	31	35
Tesco (*255)	240	20	–	–	3	–	–
	260	9	17	21	12	12	17
	280	4	9	13	30	28	30
Thames W (*382)	350	39	47	–	2½	5	–
	370	22	30	–	6	11	–
	400	7½	15	–	22	27	–
Vodafone (*373)	300	82	88	–	1	3½	–
	330	55	62	–	2½	8	–
	360	27	42	–	11	16	–

	Series	Calls Oct	Calls Jan	Calls Apr	Puts Oct	Puts Jan	Puts Apr
Finnis (*462)	460	17	32	44	12	21	26
	500	4	14	26	41	46	49
	550	1	5½	12	90	90	91

	Series	Calls Sep	Calls Dec	Calls Mar	Puts Sep	Puts Dec	Puts Mar
Abbey Nat (*297)	280	18	27	35	1	5½	8½
	300	2	14	22	7	14	18
	330	1	4	9½	36	38	39
Amstrad (*53)	45	9	11	13	½	2½	3½
	50	4	8	10½	1	4	6
	60	¼	3	5½	8	10	12
Barclays (*459)	420	42	55	67	1	6	12
	460	5½	27	40	6	18	27
	500	½	11	22	43	46	51
Blue Circ (*299)	240	22	30	37	1	5	8
	260	4	17	25	6	14	17
	280	1	8½	16	23	26	28
Br Gas (*274)	240	35	41	44	½	1½	4
	260	15	25	29	1½	4½	8
	280	2½	12½	17	8	11	16
Dixons (*258)	240	20	30	38	1	6½	11
	260	4	18	26	6	14	19
	280	1	9	17	24	27	30
Eurotunnel (*515)	460	65	82	100	2	15	23
	500	23	52	72	8	38	50
	550	1½	35	–	50	65	–
Forte (*272)	260	14	20	27	2	8	10
	280	2½	9½	18	11	18	20
	300	1	4½	9	30	34	35
Glaxo (*1384)	1300	75	130	165	1½	27	41
	1350	32	91	134	8	42	59
	1400	7	69	105	32	65	80
Hawker (*757)	650	113	115	125	2	8	15
	700	–	80	95	–	18	25
	750	–	42	45	–	30	38
Hillsdown (*255)	220	37	40	46	1	1½	5
	240	17	25	32	1	6½	10
	260	2	12	20	8	15	18
Lonrho (*257)	220	38	27	30	1	5	10
	240	3	14	19	7	13	21
	260	½	7	9	26	27	34
Midland (*252)	220	35	43	50	1	3½	6½
	240	16	30	36	2	8½	15
	260	2	16	25	10	18	24
Reuter (*953)	900	160	177	200	1	8	14
	950	110	137	162	1	12	24
	900	60	102	127	1½	24	38
	950	18	67	95	15	43	60
R-Royce (*145)	130	16	20	25	½	3	6
	140	5	14	18	1½	5½	10
	160	1	5	8½	16	17	21
Sears (*89)	80	10	10½	14	1	3	4½
	90	1½	5½	8	4	7	9
	100	1	3	5	13	14	15
Thorn EMI (*815)	700	118	130	138	1	4	7
	750	68	85	98	1	9	16
	800	20	45	64	4	25	32
	850	2	21	30	37	49	51
TSB (*146)	130	17	21	24	1	1½	4
	140	7	14	16½	3	4	7½
	160	1	5	7	16	17	18
Vasi Recfn (*562)	60	6	9½	12	1	3	6
	70	1	5	7½	9	10	12
Wellcome (*748)	650	104	118	135	1½	8	16
	700	55	78	100	1½	19	30
	750	12	47	72	13	39	52

	Series	Calls Nov	Calls Feb	Calls May	Puts Nov	Puts Feb	Puts May
Eastern Elec (*187)	160	32	36	37	1½	3	4½
	180	14	20	24	4	9	11
	200	5	9	15	16	20	22

	Series	Calls Sep	Calls Dec	Calls Mar	Puts Sep	Puts Dec	Puts Mar
Nat Power (*162)	130	33	35	37	1	1½	2½
	140	23	26	28	1½	2½	4
	160	4	12	14	2½	7	11
Scot Power (*116)	100	17	20	22	1	1½	3
	110	7	12	14	1	4½	6
	120	1½	5½	9	6	9	12

FT-SE INDEX (*£2600)

	2500	2550	2600	2650	2700	2750
Calls						
Sep	117	68	27	7	1½	½
Oct	129	106	64	40	24	8
Nov	159	120	102	70	42	27
Dec	200	157	119	98	74	54
Jun	280	–	220	–	165	–
Puts						
Sep	4	8	20	58	107	150
Oct	21	30	45	75	111	160
Nov	31	42	60	84	120	165
Dec	37	52	73	98	135	177
Jun	90	–	125	–	175	–

September 20, 1991 Total: 31500 Calls 20894 Puts 10606 FT-SE: Calls 1540 Puts 4665

*Underlying security price.

COMPANY BRIEFS

DONELON TYSON (Int)
Pre-tax: £1.45m (£1.13m)
EPS: 2.09p (2.06p)
Div: Nil (nil)
Group reports another strong performance from tunnelling and civil engineering division. Turnover fell to £42.1m (£46.2m).

ASPEN COMMS. (Int)
Pre-tax: £1.15m (£2.79m)
EPS: 5.6p (14.5p)
Div: 2.7p (2.7p)
Turnover slipped to £28m (£31.2m). Company said there are no positive sales trends yet, but enquiry levels have improved after a poor summer.

MACALLAN-GLENLIVET
Pre-tax: £3.33m (£3.24m)
EPS: 2.34p (2.30p)
Div: 0.25p (0.20p)
Interim results. Turnover grew to £8.2m (£7.7m). Most Scotch whisky brands are experiencing a severe decline in the domestic market.

INOCO (Int)
Pre-tax: Loss £2.97m
LPS: 1.42p (1.04p)
Div: None
Last time's loss was £2.15m. There was an extraordinary loss of £7.47m. There was also an exceptional debit of £677,000.

BREEDON (Int)
Pre-tax: £1.65m (£2.56m)
EPS: 3.86p (5.94p)
Div: 1.75p (1.75p)
Turnover fell to £5.23m (£7.89m). The company blamed the decline in profits on the current recession, which has affected trading.

FRANK USHER (Fin)
Pre-tax: £775,000
EPS: 7.2p (12.6p)
Div: 2.5p, mkg 4p (6p)
Last time's profit was £1.39m. Turnover slipped to £15.2m (£15.5m). Group is in a strong position for a retail upturn.

HEMINGWAY PROPS. (Int)
Pre-tax: Loss £2.15m
LPS: 4.33p (EPS: 0.92p)
Div: Nil
Last time's profit was £702,077. There was an exceptional debit of £729,209. The company is unlikely to be profitable before the year end.

GRESHAM TELECOM. (Int)
Pre-tax: £293,000
EPS: N/A
Div: Nil
Figures are pro forma. Turnover was £4.89m. Telecomputing and Gresham Computer Holdings merger was completed in April.

DINKIE HEEL (Int)
Pre-tax: £90,000
EPS: 0.55p (0.97p)
Div: 0.35p (0.35p)
Last time's profit was £172,000. Turnover fell to £3.63m (£4.17m). Order books and profitability have improved since the first quarter.

YOUGHAL CARPETS (Int)
Pre-tax: Loss £1.69m
LPS: 3.8p (2.11p)
Div: Nil
All figures are in Irish currency. Last time's loss was £871,000. No interim dividend on the ordinary or preference share capital.

INDEPENDENT NEWS.
Pre-tax: £5.21m (£5.92m)
EPS: 12.6p (14.1p)
Div: 5p (4.5p)
Interim results. All figures are in Irish currency. Turnover slipped to £74.5m (£73.8m). Irish operations performed well.

Otto Versand sells its 9.9% stake in Next

By Our City Staff

OTTO Versand, the German mail order group, surprised the market by selling its stakesin Next and Fine Art Developments. It raised £28.7 million from the sales.

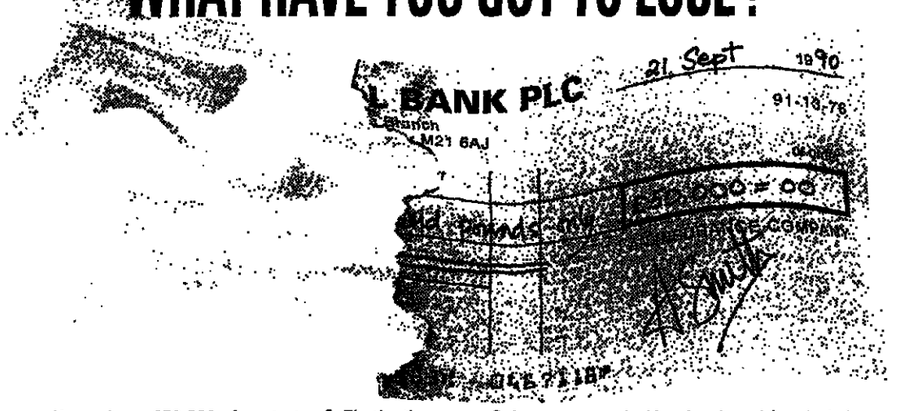
Otto acquired the 9.9 per cent interest in Next before buying Grattan in March. The holding was seen as friendly. Otto did not commit itself to retaining it, but the City took it to be a long-term investment cementing the 2½-year distribution contract between Otto and Next.

Robert Fleming Securities placed the Next stake at 43½p in three tranches with British institutions. Otto had bought most of it through James Capel at 34½p.

Institutions also took the 4.68 per cent stake in Fine Art at 348½p. Keith Chapman, Fine Art's chairman and chief executive, said the company's Rainbow Home Shopping joint venture with Otto was unaffected by the sale.

As a result of the deal with Otto, Fine Art has a 10 per cent stake in Grattan that will rise to 15 per cent.

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Oakeley Vaughan names win hearing

By Neil Bennett

A GROUP of Lloyd's members have won the right to a full high court hearing of their £5 million damages action against the insurance market for losses they suffered as part of the Oakeley Vaughan syndicates.

David Coleridge, the chairman of Lloyd's, and his forerunners Murray Lawrence and Sir Peter Miller are now likely to be called as witnesses in the case, which will start early next year.

An appeal court yesterday decided that the 33 names had the right to a full hearing of the events that led up to their loss in the Oakeley Vaughan affair.

The decision overturned a ruling last June in favour of Lloyd's, which had wanted to shorten the legal proceedings by holding a hearing solely into the issue of whether it owes a duty of care to its members.

In his judgment, Lord Justice Gibson did not give any opinion on the issues of the case, but said that "the contract between each plaintiff and Lloyd's is a relationship of considerable complexity".

He said the names claim that Lloyd's failed to warn them of any wrongdoing in Oakeley Vaughan, which has since been liquidated. Lloyd's had conducted an enquiry into the underwriting agency in 1981. The names say that any disclosure would have allowed them to avoid the losses they later suffered.

Part of the case centres on a letter about the Lloyd's enquiry sent by Oakeley Vaughan to names in March 1981. Lord Justice Gibson said this letter had been altered by Lloyd's to include the phrase "inquiries of this nature are not unusual", and said that the names claimed the letter was "uninformative and misleading".

In its turn, Lloyd's has insisted that it offered no duty of care over the operations of an underwriting agent.

The case is further complicated by the fact that the losses occurred before the 1982 Lloyd's Act came into force, and the market was governed by rules dating back to the last century.

Afterwards, Michael Freeman, the solicitor handling the names' case, hailed the decision as an important victory, and said he hoped the two sides could now get together and agree on some of the facts of the events before the trial. "A preliminary trial would have been a hopeless short cut for us," he said.

The names want to call Mr Coleridge to explain his comments to Lloyd's' last annual meeting, where he admitted that Lloyd's did have a duty of care to ensure the society is properly regulated.

Mr Freeman said that the names had suffered substantial costs by bringing the case this far, but were prepared to continue through the full trial.

Strong market leak heralds latest move in week of takeover fever

BTR launches hostile £1.5bn bid for Hawker

By Graham Searjeant, Financial Editor

AFTER one of the strongest stock market leaks of recent times, BTR, the manufacturing conglomerate, has launched a £1.5 billion bid for Hawker Siddeley Group.

The hostile bid came just 24 hours after the electrical engineering combine revealed lower half-year profits and poor short-term prospects, but was rejected by Hawker, which has been seen for some time as a likely bid target. Only hours earlier, BTR had clinched success in a smaller friendly bid for Rockware, the glass packaging group.

Sir Owen Green, chairman of BTR, launched an immediate assault on his new target's long-term record, saying: "Hawker Siddeley shareholders have endured their company's underperformance for a decade. We believe that the current management has failed to unlock Hawker Siddeley's potential and that it has little prospect of so doing."

The Hawker board said the offer did not take account of the strategy, set at the beginning of the year by Alan Watkins, its new chief executive, to sell peripheral businesses and concentrate on international strengths in areas such as electric motors.

Sir Peter Baxendell, the chairman, said: "We are confident that our strategy will produce significant value for shareholders who wish to be part of a focused electrical and engineering group and not a sprawling conglomerate."

The bid, mainly in shares, offers 108 BTR shares and £284.20 cash for every 100 Hawker shares. After a 17p fall in BTR shares to 410p, this values Hawker at 727p per share. There is a cash alternative of 700p.

Hawker shares, which had already risen 53p to 640p this week on bid speculation, jumped a further 118p to 758p. This indicates that the stock market expects the initial bid to fail, although City analysts suggested that a higher offer would succeed.

Colin Fell, a leading sector analyst of Kleinwort Benson, said, however, that the bid might be hard to defend. "Hawker could be regarded as the last of the great dinosaurs," he said. "The new management is getting on with the job and doing a lot internally but this takes time and the company is unlikely to turn quickly"

Alan Jackson, BTR's new chief executive, who had promised that BTR would be more active in takeovers and disposals, made it clear that he had no immediate plan to sell parts of Hawker.

"Hawker's break-up value has not entered our calculations and that is not our objective," he said. "This is a great piece of British industry that needs to be built up." He said that, though parts might eventually be sold, the immediate objective was to manage them profitably, but he did not have the information to comment on Hawker's ambitious joint ventures in private power stations.

Mr Jackson sharply criticised Hawker management. "Hawker has very good products, large market shares and good technology but it has been consistently a poor performer. There must be something inherently wrong," he said. "It is an affront for these businesses to be operating on such low profit margins. Good companies laid foundations in the Eighties. Thus one missed it and wasted a whole decade."

The leak of the bid, which contrasts with others this week, is likely to become the first controversy of any battle. The London Stock Exchange routinely investigates all cases of sharp price movements before takeover bids or other price sensitive news. SG Warburg, advisers to Hawker, said that the leak was so obvious that they would only make a formal complaint if nothing came of the stock exchange's initial investigation.

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EDWARD WEBB



BTR wants you: Alan Jackson, chief executive, has Hawker Siddeley in his sights

Goldman to lead BT sale in US

From Philip Robinson in New York

GOLDMAN Sachs, Wall Street's fourth largest investment bank, was named last night as the head of the American portion of the British Telecom share sale, replacing the scandal-wracked Salomon Brothers.

The news emerged almost simultaneously with fresh Salomon disclosures that its staff had made two further unauthorised bids on behalf of customers in auctions of the United States Treasury bond market. For the first time, the bank says there may be more revelations.

Wall Street is speculating that at least one of the new illegal bids was made on behalf of SG Warburg of Britain, whose name was used illegally by Salomon to gain a larger share of the February Treasury auction.

A Salomon spokesman said: "The government has asked us not to divulge any details. We cannot comment further." A formal statement by the bank said the unauthorised bids did not result in Salomon breaching the 35 per cent limit placed on any single buyer in one auction and that it had no reason to believe that "persons other than one or more persons from the Government Securities Desk, already implicated in the misconduct, were involved".

Salomon has dismissed Paul Mozer, its chief government securities trader, and Thomas Murphy, his deputy, in the wake of the scandal in which the bank admits it illegally bid for Treasury bonds to corner the market and control prices.

The appointment of Goldman Sachs to the BT sale indicates that it has assured British Treasury officials that it is not implicated in the current investigation that has now widened to include all 39 primary dealers in government securities and their customers.

John Major requested written assurance from all American banks involved in the BT issue that nothing existed which might rule them out of participating in the sale of part of the 49 per cent holding. A Goldman spokesman said in New York: "We have always said we are not implicated by the current investigations."

Interlink sold for £50m



Special delivery: Richard Gabriel, head of Interlink

By Angela Mackay

RICHARD Gabriel, founder and chairman of Interlink Express, the USM-quoted parcel delivery company, and his family, stand to glean £36.3 million from the sale of their stakes in the concern to Mayne Nickless, the Australian transport, security and health care company.

Mayne Nickless yesterday made an agreed cash offer for Interlink, valuing the company at £50.5 million, or 311p a share, compared with its flotation price five years ago of 185p. Interlink's shares closed 6p up at 306p.

The Australians have received undertakings relating to 71.8 per cent of Interlink's issued share capital. Mr Gabriel owns just over 50 per cent of the company, while his family owns 20 per cent. He and his team will continue to manage the company.

The offer price represents an exit multiple of 12 and is roughly equivalent to the group's turnover of £51.4 million (£48.8 million) for the year ended June 30. Pre-tax profits rose 8 per cent, to £6.9 million. The dividend was steady at 8.375p.

Sun Life in foreign hands

By Neil Bennett

LIBERTY Life and Union des Assurance de Paris, the South African and French insurers, have joined forces to build a controlling stake in Sun Life, the British life assurer, and are planning a full bid for the company that will value it at £789 million.

Liberty and UAP have also bought a further 4.5 per cent stake in Sun Life from Sun Alliance, the British composite insurer, at £11.60 a share. The £35 million acquisition raises their combined stake in Sun to 59.9 per cent.

TransAtlantic, Liberty's European vehicle, and UAP presently hold 27.7 per cent each of Sun's shares. They have agreed to pool these stakes and the new shares in Rockleigh Corporation, a joint venture company.

UAP is also buying a 16.8 per cent stake in TransAtlantic and will take seats on its board, although Liberty will remain TransAtlantic's controlling shareholder.

The new arrangements formalise the ties between the two overseas insurers that have grown during the three years since they effectively became Sun Life's joint controlling shareholders. Sun Life's shares rose 17p to £11.80p.

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What Ricoh means to Gestetner

GESTETNER'S relationship with Japan's Ricoh overcomes a number of problems but raises other questions.

It strengthens the British company's balance sheet and provides the necessary clout in a market where big players are becoming bigger and bigger. It also resolves the uncertainty caused by the overhang of a mountain of convertible loan stock held by AFP, the Australian group that masterminded Gestetner's recovery from the last recession.

Ricoh is buying AFP's notes for 250p at a total cost of £122.3 million and will immediately exercise conversion rights, emerging with 24.2 per cent of the enlarged equity base. AFP becomes an equal partner by calling in an option on 7.8 million ordinary shares at 159p, against a market price of 208p, up 9p in response to the deal.

Financially, there is no doubt that a stronger company emerges. The combined effect is to increase shareholders' funds by £90 million, or 56 per cent, while raising £12 million in cash for the business, reducing gearing from 100 per cent to about 35 per cent.

In trading terms, the benefits are less apparent. Gestetner may gain from Ricoh's marketing support and from an enhanced purchasing position but other suppliers will be less inclined to be so supportive.

Shareholders, particularly those who bought in at 238p as recently in March, are also entitled to ask whether the favourable terms available to both Ricoh and AFP in such a cosy deal should have been extended to all investors, particularly now bid hopes have all but disappeared.

The immediate trading outlook is poor. Analysts trimmed forecasts to £38 million pre-tax for the year to the end of October, down from £52.1 million, although a maintained dividend of 8.1p would be covered comfortably by earnings of 18.5p. The shares are fairly valued.

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M&G Income Investment Trust's complex, split-level capital structure is all but irrelevant for the mass of potential investors at whom the trust is aimed. Its only significance is that the combined market value of investment trusts structured in this way is usually above asset value. Together with a fixed ten-year life, this should avoid the discount between market price and asset value of shares typical of investment trusts.

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In essence, an M&G PEP devoted to this trust is not very different from an income unit trust. Individuals can invest their annual £6,000 PEP allowance in a new investment trust issue, instead of the £3,000 maximum for unit trust PEP's.

Sadly, the charges are also on a par with unit trusts, normally higher than for an investment trust, although M&G's are below the unit trust average. This is to pay for probably the biggest such marketing campaign since Royal Life's ill-timed Royal Event promotion of 1987. The initial charge will vary by up to 1.7 per cent, depending on how much of the potential £500 million is subscribed.

To ensure a market in the trust's shares, Warburg Securities, sponsor to the issue, will arrange a placing of the zero dividend preference shares and geared income units. The preference offers a high fixed return on repayment for high taxpayers. The units are a package of the income shares, which receive all the income but no final capital repayment, and the riskier capital shares, which receive all capital growth after repayment of the preference shares.

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The reputation of M&G should ensure a welcome for the issue, though the apparent complexity might put off some of the unit trust and PEP investors at whom it is principally aimed.



Linaker: good moment

NHL loan issue launched

NATIONAL Home Loans, the troubled mortgage lender, has succeeded in launching a £125 million securitisation of its loan book, to relieve pressure on its balance sheet.

The group has, however, been forced to settle for a lower quality rating on the issue. The debt has been graded AA by Standard & Poor's, the rating agency, while previous issues have been AAA, the highest rating.

Nigel Terrington, NHL's treasurer, attributed the lower rating to the use of mortgage guarantees from Sun Alliance, the insurer, itself rated AA+.

The bonds will carry an interest rate of 0.65 per cent over the London interbank rate, compared with about 0.58 on previous issues.

The issue will help to reduce NHL's £1.3 billion balance-sheet loan book by about £75 million. NHL's liquidity suffered when sterling depositors withdrew from smaller institutions after BCCI collapsed.

Hornby slumps by 62%

HORNBY Group, the toys, model railways and sports boats company, suffered a 62 per cent decline in pre-tax profits to £541,000 in the first half of this year, on turnover down from £14.5 million to £10.3 million. Earnings per share dived to 4.2p (11.3p). As usual, there is no interim dividend. The shares, which are quoted on the USM, lost 7p to 182p.

Jack Strowger, the chairman, blamed the decline in profits on the "significant downturn in consumer spending", with little sign of any immediate improvement.

He added: "Current trading conditions continue to be difficult in all our markets. Consumer spending continues to be depressed and retailers are adopting the cautious policy of delaying the placing of orders until the likely level of demand during the pre-Christmas selling period becomes clearer."

STOCK MARKET

Speculators look for next target as bid fever grows

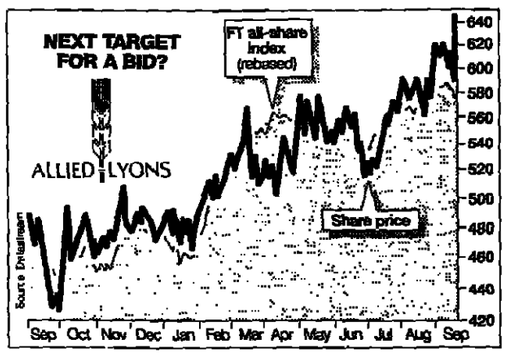
THE bid fever that gripped the market this week intensified. Speculators were trying to establish the next target, and they might not have long to wait.

Allied-Lyons, the food and drinks group, surged 43p to a new high of 647p as more than 10 million shares changed hands in the belief that a bid was imminent. Philip Morris, the American food and tobacco group, and Anheuser Busch, the world's biggest brewer, are both believed to be interested in Allied.

Goldman Sachs, the New York securities house, is thought to have been a big buyer of the shares and Allied has been heavily traded on the traded options market.

A decision on the fate of **Asda**, the troubled supermarket chain, appeared to be imminent as the price rallied 7p to 70p and a further 50 million shares were traded. Some observers believe a foreign predator has begun stake-building as the prelude to a full bid. Earlier this week, Asda's share price fell sharply after the group issued a profits warning and cut the dividend.

Asda's borrowings of £1 billion outweigh its stock market capitalisation of about £800 million. Metro International of Germany, Europe's second biggest retailer, has looked at the company and has the finances to make an offer. Aldi, another German retailer, is also seen as a possible bidder. Other likely bid targets had a mixed day.



Thorn EMI jumped 17p to 815p, while Rank Organisation advanced 12p to 703p as two parties of analysts embarked on seperate visits to their American operations. Dealers in London are hoping for good news back from the analysts next week.

Cadbury Schweppes eased 1p to 416p, **United Biscuits** 1p to 395p, **Pilkington** 3p to 156p, after touching 150p, and **GKN** 5p to 380p.

The hostile £1.5 billion bid by **BTR** for **Hawker Siddeley** caused the latter's shares to leap by 118p to 758p. BTR's shares gained 27.5 to 2,038.8. Government securities lost an early lead to finish with falls of £⅛ at the longer end.

Next, the troubled fashion retailer, eased 1½p to 44½p as Otto Versand, the big German mail order group, decided to sell its 7.2 per cent stake in the market. Robert Fleming Securities placed the 26.7 million shares with institutions at a price of 43.5p. Otto Versand said it needed to sell the shares to finance its DM1 billion expansion programme in eastern Germany.

Otto Versand has also sold its near 5 per cent stake in **Fine Art Developments**, the mail order group. Robert Fleming placed the 3.7 million shares at 348½p. Fine Art's share price slipped 4p to 353p.

Robert Fleming rounded off the day with an agency cross of 4 million shares in **BPB Industries**, the plasterboard manufacturer, at 183p. BPB finished 3p cheaper at 187p.

Sun Life jumped 17p to £11.80 after learning that its two biggest shareholders, UAP of France and Liberty Life of South Africa had set up a joint company to control the group. Between them they own 55 per cent of the shares.

Ratners, the jeweller, fell 6p to 124p in the wake of a profits downgrading.

MICHAEL CLARK ended the day 13p lower at 410p after the partial cash offer.

But the rest of the equity market was unable to capitalise fully on the third major bid be presented to shareholders in the space of a week. Conditions remained nervous and the FT-SE 100 index closed just below its best with a rise of 11.6 to 2,600.3. Special situations helped to boost turnover to 673 million shares and the FT Index of 30

WALL STREET

Dow slips in early trading

New York – Blue chips showed modest losses in choppy early morning trading, but the market as a whole continued strong. The Dow Jones industrial average was down 2.37 points to 3,022. Secondary shares again made significant gains.

☐ **Tokyo** – Investors took profits and squared positions before a long weekend, giving up morning gains built on hopes of lower interest rates and shrugging off strong bond prices. The Nikkei index was off 139.57 points at 23,192.74, with an estimated 470 million shares traded.

☐ **Frankfurt** – Shares ended lower after a fairly quiet day. The Dax index ended 4.63 down at 1,616.07.

☐ **Hong Kong** – The Hang Seng index closed firmer in moderate trade but mild profit-taking in the afternoon meant the day's high of 3,928.60 was not maintained. The index finished the day 46.66 points higher at 3,910.34. Turnover thinned to 1.06 billion from 1.22 billion on Thursday.

☐ **Singapore** – The Straits Times industrial index closed at 1,378.55, below the psychologically important 1,380 level and down 6.28 from yesterday's close.

☐ **Sydney** – The market closed firmer in lacklustre trading. The All Ordinaries index ended 4.9 points firmer at 1,562.6. *(Reuter)*

	Sep 20 midday	Sep 19 close		Sep 20 midday	Sep 19 close		Sep 20 midday	Sep 19 close
Abbott Lab	53¾	53¼	Enron	65¼	65¾	Oryx Energy	33½	33¾
Aetna Life	35¾	34	Entergy	25¾	25	Pac Enl	30	30¾
Ahmanson	18¾	18¾	Exxon	24¾	24¾	Pac Gas Elec	28¼	28¾
Air Prods	65	65¾	Fed Mog	59¾	59¾	Pac Telesis	42	42¾
Albertsons	39¾	39¾	Fed NMA	64¾	65¾	Pacccar	45¾	45¾
Alcan Al	19¾	19¾	Fedrl Expra	22¾	23¾	Pacificorp	22¾	22¾
Alco Stand	33¾	33¾	Ft Nonstar	49¾	49¾	Pall	37¼	38
Allied Signal	37¾	36¾	Fluor	41¾	41¾	Paramount	36¾	36¾
Alumin CA	46¾	46¾	FMC	47¼	47¾	Parker-Hanin	25¾	25¾
Am Brands	44¾	45¼	Ford Motor	29¾	30¼	Penney	49¾	49¾
Am Cyanamid	65¾	64¾	FPL	32¾	32¼	Pennzoil	66	66¾
Am EPC	30¾	30¾	Fst Chicago	27	27¼	Pepsico	29¾	29¾
Am General	39¾	39¾	Fst Interst	21¼	20¾	Pfizer	65	65¾
Am Home	76¾	68¾	Fst Union	27¾	25¾	Philips Pet	28¾	28¾
Am Intl	84	84	Gannett	41	41	Philips Elec	22¾	22¾
Am Stores	35¾	35¾	GAP	44¾	44¾	Phlp Morris	73	72¾
Amax	20¾	20¼	Gen Cinema	28¾	28¾	Philips Dodge	75¾	74¾
Amer Hess	57¼	57	Gen Elec	69¾	68¾	Pitney Bowl	60¾	60
Ameritech	62¼	62¾	Gen Mills	60¾	61¼	Placer Dm	10¾	10¾
Amex	28¾	28¾	Gen Motors	36¾	36¾	PNC Fncl	38	38¼
Amoco	51¾	51¾	Gen RE	67¾	67¾	Potlatch Estn	13	13
AMP	51¼	51¼	Gen Signal	48¾	48¾	Polaroid	24¼	24¾
AMR	59¼	58¾	Genuine Pts	44¼	44¾	PPG Inds	53¾	63¾
Anheuser-B	53¾	53¼	Georgia-Pac	54¾	54¾	Procr Gmble	84¾	85¾
Apple Comp	49¾	50¼	Gillette	41¼	41¾	Price	58	58
Archer-Dan	24¼	24¾	Goodrich	43¾	44¾	Primerica	33¾	33¼
Arkla	15¾	15¾	Goodyear	43¾	43	Pub Service	28¾	28
Armco	4¾	4¾	Grace	36¾	36¾	Quaker Oats	57¼	57¼
Armstrong	31¾	32¼	Greyhound	35¾	35¾	Raiston Pur	48¾	48¾
Asarco	27	26¾	Gt Atlantic	34¾	34¾	Raythem	69¾	69¾
Ashland Oil	30¾	30¾	Gt Western	17¾	17¾	Raytheon	78	80
AT&T	38	38	GTE	29	29¼	Reebok	33	33
Atlan Richfld	116¾	116¼	Halliburn	34¼	34¼	Roadway	40¾	40¾
Autid DP	33¼	32¼	Heinz	38¾	39	Rockwell	26¾	26¾
Avery Denn	21¼	21	Hercules	39¾	39¾	Rohm Haas	44	43¾
Avon Prod	45¾	44¾	Hershey Fd	38¾	39	Royal Dutch	60¾	61¼
Bellsouth	39¾	39¾	Hewlett Pkd	46¾	47¾	Rubbermaid	55¾	56¾
Bemis One	43¾	43¾	Hilton Hd	40¾	41	Ryrkds Mg	57¾	57¼
Bankamerica	40¾	39¾	Home Depot	53	52¾	Safeco	39¾	39¾
Bard	23¾	23¾	Homestake	14¾	14¾	Salomon	22	22¾
Barnett Bk	31¾	31¼	Honeywell	54	53¾	Santi Fe Pac	9¾	9¾
Bausch Lmb	45¾	45¾	Houston Ind	39¾	39¾	Sara Lee	43¾	43¾
Baxter Intl	35¼	34¾	Howld Intl	59¾	59¾	Schlumbgr	65¾	65¾
Bec Dickin	66	67¾	Humana	32¾	32¾	Schrg-Plgh	57¾	57¾
Bell Atlan	48¾	48¼	IBM	104¾	104¾	Scott Paper	37¼	38
Bellsouth	49¾	49¾	IFBF	65¾	62¼	Seagram	109¾	109¾
Bkr Hughes	24¼	24¼	Illinois TW	64¾	64¾	Sears Rbk	39¾	39¾
Black Decker	17¾	17¾	Inco	31¾	31¼	Sherry Pac	31¼	31¼
Block	62¾	62	Ingrsl-Rand	48¾	48¾	Schlumbgr	65¾	65¾
Boeing	59¾	59¾	Inland Steel	20¾	20¾	Schrg-Plgh	57¾	57¾
Bowters Tst NY	50	50	Intel	42¼	41¾	Scott Paper	37¼	38
Boise Casc	25¼	25¾	Intl Paper	66¾	67¾	Seagram	64¾	64¾
Borden	32¾	32¾	ITT	57	58¾	Sears Rbk	31¾	31¼
Brist-Myer	66¾	66¾	James River	21¾	21¾	Sherry Pac	31¼	31¼
Browng-Fer	19¾	19¾	Johnsn Jhsn	69¾	69¾	Sherwin-Wilms	33¾	33¾
Burl Nth	33¼	33¼	K Mart	43¾	43¾	Skyline	14¾	14¾
CAI	8	8	Kellogg	104¾	104¾	Smkp-on Tls	31¼	32¼
Campbell Sp	76¼	76	Kerr-McGee	41	41¼	Southern	28¾	28
Cap Cities	422	414¾	Kimbly-Clrk	90¾	90¾	Southmrk	58¾	58¾
Capital HC	46	47	Knight-Ridr	50¾	50¾	St Paul	64¼	64¼
Carolina	48	47¾	Lilly	82¾	82¾	Stanley Wk	40	39¾
Caterpillar	46¾	46¾	Limited	28¾	28¾	Stone Cntr	19¾	20
CBS	155¾	155¾	Lin Bnkcstg	71¾	71¾	Sun Co	31¾	31¾
Central SW	47¾	48	Lincln Nat	49	48¾	Sunst Bk	35¾	34¾
Champion	24¼	25	Litton Ind	89¾	88¾	Super Valu	25¾	25¾
Chase Man	19	18¾	Lockheed	39¾	40	SW Bell	57¾	57¾
Chem Bnkg	25¾	25¼	Loste-Pac	41¾	41¾	Syntex	44¾	44¾
Chevron	72	71¾	Manu Hano	28	28¾	Sysco	42¾	44¼
Chrysler	10¾	10¾	Marriott	16¾	17¾	Tandem	12¼	12
Chubb	83¾	83	Marsh Mclen	77	76¾	Tandy	26¾	26¼
Cigna	45¾	45	Martin Mar	52¾	53¾	Tele-comm	15¾	14¾
Cincorp	14¾	14¾	Masco	22¾	22¼	Teledyne	20¾	20¾
Cinnie Liz	42¼	42¾	May Dept	55¾	56¼	Temple-In	48¾	48¾
Circor	40¾	40¾	Maytag	14¾	14¾	Tenneco	58¾	58¼
Cmnith Edis	40	39¾	McDn Doug	56¾	56¾	Texaco	62¾	62¾
CNA Fncl	88¾	88	McDonalds	33	32¾	Texas Inst	29¾	28¾
Coastal	30¾	30¾	McGraw-Hill	53¾	53¾	Texas Util	37¾	37¾
Coca-Cola	64¾	65	MCI Com	29	28¾	Textron	34¾	34¼
Colgate-Pal	40¾	40¾	Mead	31¾	31¼	Time Wrnr	81¼	79¼
Columb Gas	17¾	17¾	Medtronic	70¾	69¾	Times Mirr	29¼	29¾
Compaq	32¾	32¾	Mellon Bk	32¾	32¾	Timken	25¾	25¾
Conagra	45¾	46¾	Melville	47¾	47¾	Torchmark	50	49¾
Cons Edis	24¾	24¼	Merck	132¾	132	Toys R Us	34½	33¾
Cons NG	41¾	41¾	Merl Lynch	49¾	48¾	Transam	36¾	37¼
Cons Rail	71	71	Minnesota	89¾	89¾	Travelers	19¾	19¾
Cooper Ind	52¾	52¾	Mobil	69¾	69¾	TrGuard	40¾	40
Corning	66¾	66¼	Monsanto	86¾	86	TRW	42¼	42¼
CPC Intl	67¾	66¾	Moore	23¾	23¼	Tyco Lab	38¼	39¾
Crown Cork	50	67¾	Morgan JP	58	57¾	UAL	129¾	130
CSX	50	49¾	Motorola	61¾	62¼	UB Lite	40¾	40¾
Dana	31¾	31¼	Nat Medical	22	22¼	US West	37¾	37
Dayton-Hsd	74¼	74½	Nat Semicd	4¼	4¾	Unatr Gp	11	11½
Deere	54	53¾	Nat Service	22¾	23¼	USF&G	6¾	6¾
Delta Air	64¼	65¾	Navistar	2¾	2¾	UST	48¾	48¾
Deluxe	47¾	47¾	NCNB	37¾	37¾	USX Mar	32	31¾
Detroit Ed	30¾	30¾	NCR	108	108	Utd Tech	48	48
Digital Eq	59¾	58¾	Neld Engp	41¼	41½	Utd Telcm	24¾	24¾
Dillard	134¼	132¾	Newmnt Min	35¾	36¼	VF	34	33½
Disney	112¼	110¾	Nicor	16¾	16¾	Wal-Mart	49¾	49¾
Dominion	50¾	50¾	Nike	51¾	51¾	Wells Fargo	75	73¾
Donnelley	45¾	45¾	NL Indstrs	13¼	13¾	Wendy (Bec	22¼	22¾
Dover	38	38¾	Nordstrom	47	47	Weyerhsr	28¾	28¾
Dow Chem	53¾	53¾	NorAtl Strn	81¾	80¾	Whirlpool	37¼	36¾
Dow Jones	35¾	35¾	Northn St Pwr	35¾	35¾	Whittman	13	13¼
Dresser Ind	19¾	19¾	Nthn Telcm	40¾	40¼	Winn-Dixie	35¾	35¾
Du Pont	45¾	45¾	NY Times	22¼	22¼	Woolworth	29¾	29¼
Duke Pwr	30¾	30¾	Nynex	76¼	76	Wrigley	62¼	63
Dun Bradst	47¼	47	Occid Petrl	23¾	23¾	Wrnr-Lamb	71	70¾
East Kodak	43¾	43¾	Ohio Ed	19¼	19¼	Xerox	58¼	58¾
Eaton	53	52¾	Oracle Sys	10¾	10¾			
Emerson El	47¾	47¾						

RECENT ISSUES

EQUITIES

Aberforth Split (100p)	108 +1
Adam & Harvey	195
Airbreak Lels	42
Alliance Res	17
Capital Ventures	110
Claremont Gmts (175p)	185
Contra-Cyclical (100p)	111 +2
County Smlr Inv	96 +1
Culver Hldgs (4p)	5
Drayton Blue Chip (100p)	101 +1
EFM Inc Tst (65p)	68
East Germany Inv (100p)	120
Etontrook	68
Eurocamp (225p)	260
Fleming Emerg Mkt	100 +½
Gartmore Inc (100p)	110
Gartmore Cap (100p)	97
Geared Inc (100p)	103
Greencore	220 –2
Headline Book (100p)	129
Kleinwort High Inc	107
Lowndes Lambert (290p)	316
Manchester Utd (385p)	285
Mirror Group (125p)	94 +½
Moorgate Smlr Cos (100p)	113
Oryx Gold	219
Simpson of Cornhl	48
Sterling Tst	50
Tollgate	95 –2
US Smaller	106

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RIGHTS ISSUES

Br Polythene N/P	75
Ladbroke N/P	34 –6
Mayflower N/P	3½ +1
P & O N/P	60 –6

(Issue price in brackets).

MAJOR INDICES

New York:	
Dow Jones	3031.53 (+7.16)*
S&P Composite	388.38 (+0.82)*
Tokyo:	
Nikkei Average	23192.74 (–139.57)
Hong Kong:	
Hang Seng	3910.34 (+46.66)
FT-SE Euro 100	1114.51 (+0.56)
Amsterdam:	
CBS Tendency	91.4 (–0.2)
Sydney: AO	1562.6 (+4.9)
Frankfurt: DAX	1616.07 (–4.63)
London:	
FT—A All-Share	1258.72 (+5.24)
FT—"500"	1395.44 (+5.09)
FT. Gold Mines	159.2 (–2.4)
FT. Fixed Interest	96.79 (–0.01)
FT. Govt Secs	87.72 (+0.06)
Bargains	30906
SEAQ Volume	673.8m
USM (Datastream)	129.05 (+0.08)

**Denotes midday trading price*

FT-SE 100 VOLUMES

	Vol '000		Vol '000		Vol '000		Vol '000
Abbey Nat	1,459	Cadbury	1,686	Lonrho	1,542	Royal Ins	343
Allid-Lyons	11,437	CU	733	Lucas	3,838	Sainsbury	4,306
Anglian	844	Courtaulds	244	M&S	4,489	Scot & N	5,516
ASDA	49,290	Enterprise	214	Maxwell Cm	51	Scot Pwr	11,953
AB Foods	337	Eurotunnel	814	MEPC	576	Sears	6,942
Argyll	2,866	Fisons	1,466	Midland	2,306	Severn Trnt	514
Arjo Wigg	2,228	Forte	1,209	Natl Power	3,647	Shell	2,584
BAA	892	Gen Acc	121	Nat West	2,242	Smith & N	1,904
BET	4,498	GEC	14,393	N W Water	1,196	SK Beech	1,241
BTR	13,044	Glaxo	1,063	P&O	534	Sun Allnce	285
BAT	2,254	Grand Met	4,331	Pearson	443	Tarmac	3,357
Barclays	2,504	GUS 'A'	287	Pilkington	6,806	Tate Lyle	383
Bass	1,822	GRE	1,080	PowerGen	3,606	TSB	3,315
BICC	1,870	Guinness	1,902	Prudential	1,966	Tesco	5,102
Bk Scotind	2,494	Hanson	6,921	Rank	1,668	Thames Wtr	281
Blue Circle	680	Hawker	14,536	R&C	791	Thorn EMI	2,047
BOC	810	Hillsdown	2,063	Redland	1,202	Trafalgar	1,232
Boots	1,085	ICI	1,433	Reed	786	Ultramar	770
Br Aero	2,548	Inchcape	130	Rentokil	45	Unilever	568
Br Airways	1,888	Kingfisher	1,087	Reuters	895	United Bis	1,771
Br Gas	3,927	Lasmo	306	RMC Gp	582	Vodafone	5,071
Br Petrol	6,818	Ladbroke	1,865	RTZ	2,928	Wellcome	129
Br Steel	1,996	Land Sec	1,773	R-Royce	3,141	Whitbrd	1,003
Br Telecm	2,457	L&G	611	Rothmans 'B'	152	Williams	2,812
C&W	3,429	Lloyds	1,688	Royal Bank	1,212	Wills Cor	5,802

TRADITIONAL OPTIONS

First Dealings	Last Dealings	Last Declaration	For Settlement
September 9	September 20	December 5	December 16

Call options were taken out on: 20/9/91 ASDA, Aviva Petroleum, Brown & Jackson, Burton Group, MMI, Monarch Res, Resco, Thames TV, TSB, Tuskar Res, SG Warburg, National Home Loan. Puts: ASDA, Tarmac.

UNIT LINKED INSURANCE INVESTMENTS

AETNA LIFE INSURANCE
401, St John Street, London EC1V 4QE
071-837 6464
Life Funds

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Squirrel	15.46	16.28	+0.03	..
Bear	15.57	16.39	+0.12	..
Owl	15.65	16.48	+0.90	..
Bull	14.25	15.00	+0.14	..
Stag	14.91	15.69	+0.04	..
Gilt Edged	14.65		+0.02	..
Deposit	13.76		+0.02	..
Pensions				
Squirrel	19.75	20.79	+0.05	..
Bear	19.81	20.86	+0.16	..
Owl	19.99	21.05	+0.35	..
Bull	17.33	18.25	+0.57	..
Stag	17.56	18.30	+0.08	..
Gilt Edged	17.5		+0.1	..
Deposit	16.73		+0.03	..
Exempt App Mixed	185.8	189.6	–1.62	..

ABBEY LIFE
80, Holdenhurst Rd, Bournemouth BH8 8AL
0202 292373

Property Fund Inc	274.8	289.4	+0.5	..
Do Accum	446.5	470.1	+0.9	..
Equity Fund Income	136.8	143.8	–2.4	..
Do Accum	167.8	176.5	–2.8	..
Selective Fund	373.1	392.8	–3.1	..
Money Fund	317.8	334.4	+0.5	..
Prop Fd Ser 4	357.2	376.1	+1.9	..
Equity Ser 4	188.8	177.7	–2.5	..
Man Ser 4	269.3	283.4	–3.1	..
Cons Ser 4	260.8	295.7	+0.4	..
Money Ser 4	260.7	295.5	+0.4	..
Fixed Int Fd Ser 4	271.7	286.0	+1.0	..
American Ser 4	351.0	369.5	–1.0	..
High Inc Ser 4	507.3	534.1	–5.3	..
Indexed Inv Ser 4	159.7	168.2	–0.5	..
Japan Ser 4	294.3	309.8	–0.4	..

ALBANY LIFE
3, Darkes Lane, Potters Bar
07127 42311

Equity Fd Acc	£12.10	12.74	–0.17	..
European Fd Accum	258.9	272.5	+0.2	..
Fixed Int Acc	406.8	428.1	+1.1	..
Gtd Money Fd Acc	286.4	301.5	+0.4	..
Intl Man Fd Acc	422.5	444.1	–3.2	..
Int Fxd Int Fd Acc	249.3	251.9	–0.7	..
Japan Fund	153.9	162.5	–0.5	..
North American Fd Acc	229.5	241.5	–1.3	..
Prop Fd Acc	336.1	353.7	–0.3	..
Multiple Inv Acc	786.4	829.9	–7.2	..

ALLIED DUNBAR ASSURANCE
Swindon SN1 1EL
0793 514514

Fixed Int Dep Accum	321.0	337.9	+0.4	..
Equity Accum	£10.20	10.67	+0.18	..
Property Accum	487.5	513.2		..
Far East Accum	201.4	212.0	–2.6	..
Managed Cldmid	401.8	423.0	–2.9	..
Do Accum	609.4	647.8	–3.2	..
Overseas Accum	715.8	753.5	–18.4	..
Gtt Edged Accum	371.9	391.5	+1.0	..
Amer Equity Accum	549.7	578.7	–1.7	..
Amer Man Accum	245.2	258.2	+0.4	..
Amer Prop Accum	125.8	132.5	+0.2	..

ASTRUST MANAGEMENT LTD
10 Queens Terrac Aberdeen AB9 1QJ
Freephone 0800 833 580

International	214.0	225.2	+0.29	..
High Income	188.2	198.2		..
Income & Growth	210.0	221.0	+0.94	..
Basic Resource	135.3	142.3	+0.64	..
American	198.6	209.2	+0.72	..
Japan & General	237.3	249.8	+1.06	..
Special Situations	232.5	244.8	–1.31	..

BARCLAYS LIFE
252, Romford Rd, London E7 9JB
081-534 5544

Equity Accum	645.6	679.6	–10.8	..
Do Inest	481.8	507.0	–1.3	..
Gtd Edged Accum	388.3	393.5	+1.0	..
Do Inest	215.0	226.4	+0.1	..
International Accum	386.5	391.5	+0.4	..
Do Inest	212.2	223.4	+1.6	..
Managed Accum	602.4	627.7	–3.7	..
Do Inest	300.3	316.2	–1.5	..
Money Accum	250.7	263.9	–0.4	..
Do Inest	180.6	190.2	+0.2	..
Property Accum	280.7	295.5	+0.3	..
Do Inest	208.7	217.6		..
America Accum	190.4	200.5	–1.7	..
Do Inest	144.4	152.1	–0.5	..
Australia Accum	167.4	165.7	–0.6	..
Do Inest	119.1	125.4	–0.6	..
Financial Accum	223.3	241.4	–1.6	..
Do Inest	172.5	181.7	–2.2	..
500 Accum	328.5	343.7	–0.1	..
Do Inest	242.5	254.8	–0.9	..
Japan &Gen Acc 2	268.2	313.9	+3.9	..
Do Inest 2	233.9	322.6	+3.3	..
Income Accum	352.5	414.2	+4.2	..
Do Inest	326.6	308.0	–4.6	..
Leisure Accum	191.1	201.2	–0.3	..
Special Sits Accum	156.6	164.9	–0.8	..
Univ Tech Accum	104.7	110.3	–0.6	..
Do Inest	81.3	85.6	–0.1	..

BLACK HORSE LIFE
Mountbatton House Chatham Kent ME4 4JE
0634 834000

The Managed Fund	602.26		–3.66	..
Income Fund	806.2	838.1	–3.00	..
Extra Income Fund	544.0	572.6	–10.15	..
Worldwide Growth Fd	367.2	386.5	–40.12	..
Balanced Fund	554.9	583.8	–25.61	..
Smlr Co's & Pic Fd	504.8	531.4	–44.92	..
Int Technology Fund	335.4	353.1	+1.50	..
N Amer & Gen Fund	360.6	306.1	–1.36	..
Energy Int Fund	121.3	127.7	–0.93	..
Pacific Basin Fund	273.1	287.5	–0.99	..
German Growth Fd	174.2	183.3	+0.17	..
Japan Growth Fd	141.8	149.4	+3.68	..
The UK Gth Fd	174.5	184.1	+1.28	..
Contl Euro Gth	97.57	92.18	–0.76	..
Property Fund	317.5	334.2	–0.30	..
Fixed Interest Fund	244.9	257.7	+0.30	..
Cash Fund	244.8	257.7	+0.39	..
Managed Inv Fund	378.9	398.7	+2.16	..
Nth Amer Recov	172.7	182.9	+0.36	..
Abtrust Fund				
Managed Growth	315.5	332.1	–2.21	..

CANADA LIFE
2-6, High St Potters Bar Herts
P Bar 51122

Equity Growth	217.6			..
Managed	248.2	258.2	–0.7	..
Property	179.9	189.5	+0.1	..

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Gilt & Fixed Int	182.2	191.9	+1.8	..
Index-Linked	151.0	159.0	–0.2	..
Equity	274.8	289.1	–2.8	..
Cash	139.0	139.0	+0.1	..
Can Life Euro Mg Fd	247.7	260.8	+0.6	..
Can Life Int Fd	255.0	268.4	+1.8	..
CANNON ASSURANCE				
1 Olympic Way, Wembley, Middx HA9 0NB				
081-902 8876				
Capital Gth Acc	103.9	109.9	+0.7	..
Equity Units	236.18		–1.89	..
Property Units	226.88			..
Bal Gtd Exen Unit	049.8	52.7		..
2nd Equity Accum	486.0	527.0	–7.1	..
2nd High Inc/Accum	488.2	517.7	–9.1	..
2nd Property Accum	247.6	262.0		..
2nd Managed 2 Acc	141.5	149.7	+0.4	..
2nd Managed Acc	346.8	366.9		..
2nd Managed 4 Acc	165.5	175.1		..
2nd Deposit Accum	243.4	257.6	+0.4	..
2nd Gtt Accum	232.7	246.2	+0.8	..
2nd Amer Accum	429.1	454.1	+1.6	..
2nd Intl Money Ac	297.8	320.0	–0.8	..
2nd Index Accum	148.5	157.1		..
2nd Far East Accum

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WEEKEND MONEY
THE TIMES SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 21 1991

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Desperate measures to beat slump



COMMENT

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WEEKEND MONEY EDITOR

The desperate state of the property market is brought home by the news that a major building society is giving a substantial interest rate discount to anyone who buys one of the houses or flats repossessed from people unable to pay.

From Monday, the Bradford & Bingley will be offering fixed-interest mortgages at 6.99 per cent to anyone who buys one of the repossessed properties it has on its books.

The building society has more than a thousand homes to sell and, like many other lenders, has found most of them have attracted little interest when there is a glut of well-maintained owner-occupied properties that are failing to find buyers.

All branches of the B&B, the seventh largest society, will have boards displaying details of the the houses and flats for sale under the scheme.

B&B guarantees the interest rate until October 1993 under the scheme. They range from rundown terraced properties to substantial, detached houses in need of no repairs.

The society, which like other lenders has seen arrears and repossessions increase by 30 per cent over the past year, wants to get rid of the properties by the end of December. The B&B has a statutory duty to obtain the best price possible for the homes. Cutting the price would not anyway guarantee interest. Most of the houses on the market have come down, or the owners are willing to do so.

Borrowers struggling to save their homes may be exasperated that this largesse is being extended to those who can afford to buy new homes when prices are low, and not to help those who bought at the top of the market.

The B&B points out that it does all it can to help borrowers behind with payments and that many will be making payments on their loans at the same rate as the special deal. The difference is that the lower rate is not a true rate. The difference between the low rate and the society's prevailing rate is deferred and added to the size of the loan.

At the end of June, 53,000 properties were in the possession of lenders and these were selling at the rate of 3,000 a month. Since then, the rate of repossession has increased but sales have not.

Other lenders are likely to follow with schemes to rid themselves of unwanted properties rather than have to maintain them through the damp and, possibly, stormy winter months.

Buyers recognising the opportunity to bargain may try to get prices reduced as well as taking advantage of the cut-price mortgage. But they should not get too carried away.

There is a conflict of interest when the owner of a property is also providing cheap funding to the purchaser. It is up to buyers to make sure that they obtain independent surveys in addition to the mandatory valuation which is only intended to protect the lender.

Auto justice

An out of court settlement this week in favour of a Bank of Scotland customer who claimed he had lost £570 in eight phantom withdrawals from a cashpoint machine should be welcomed by other customers. At last a bank has been forced to admit the machines are not infallible.

The settlement was not reached without a struggle for the customer. The bank initially refused to compensate him and the banking ombudsman rejected his case. In the end, the Consumers' Association had to step in.

Banks normally tend to treat with scorn a customer's explanation that money has been withdrawn from an account through a cashpoint machine without their knowledge. The present terms and conditions of the card say that the cardholder is responsible for all transactions until the bank has been notified that the card has been stolen or the personal identification number used without authorisation.

Hiding behind this catch-all condition, banks dismiss customers by accusing them of lending their card to friends or family, or telling others their numbers.

The banking code of practice should change all this. If its proposals are implemented, customers will only be liable for the first £50 of a disputed withdrawal unless they have been negligent.

The revised code is expected to be published next month and implemented at the end of the year. This is not a moment too soon.

Rental market expands with sales in doldrums

By LINDSAY COOK
MONEY EDITOR



THE slump in the housing market has trebled the number of properties for rent in some areas of the country and brought many previously owner-occupied houses and flats on to the rental market.

Owners unwilling to reduce their prices far enough to attract buyers are putting their properties in the hands of letting agents in the hope of covering their outgoings.

As a result, rents have fallen and it is now possible for families to rent elegant country properties they would not otherwise have been able to afford. In large areas of the West Country and East Midlands, a property for sale at £300,000 can be rented for £1,000 a month on a six-month or one-year tenancy.

In London, the annual rent for furnished flats and houses can be as low as 6 per cent of the property's value, although smaller luxury apartments may be up to 10 per cent. These compare with mortgage rates of 11.5 per cent.

Maintenance, buildings and contents insurance, service charges, and water rates are paid by the landlord. Tenants can also be in their new home within a fortnight whereas most purchases take months. Some people still have a property to sell and opt to rent to reduce the strain of selling and buying at the same time.

John Eld, a director of Chestertons Residential, the London and Southeast estate agency owned by the Woolwich Building Society, said: "You can rent a property more cheaply than you can buy it. Owners will settle for quite a low return because of capital appreciation.

"In a rising property market tenants lose, but when values are stationary or falling they are not missing anything. Over the long-term renting is more expensive but in the short term it can be cheaper."

Rents are now more reasonable than five years ago because more people are letting rather than selling. Most rentals are for six months so that the owners can sell when there is a market upturn. In London, Chestertons says the lettings market has recently increased by 50 per cent.

"The greatest increase is in areas where owners have had difficulty selling. The alternative to a capital loss is to rent the property out. When prices begin to rise these properties will come out of the rental market and rental values will then rise," Mr Eld said.

Chestertons currently has a one-bedroom flat with parking and mooring in London's Docklands at a rent of £130 to £140 a week. Its value is estimated at £82,000.

A buyer taking out an 80 per cent mortgage to buy it would have to put up £16,400 as a deposit and could expect to pay about £600 a month on a repayment mortgage.

A tenant would need to put up a minimum of a month's rent in advance, plus a month's rent as security against damage.

In some cases, agents ask for two months' rent and a deposit. A 100 per cent mortgage, if available, would be more than £750 a month and would also involve a large indemnity premium.

At the other end of the scale a £500,000 one-bedroom Mayfair flat has recently been let for £1,000 a week. A two-bedroom flat in Kensington at £375 a week should sell for £190,000. A four-bedroom two-bathroom flat let for £700 a week is valued at £390,000. In Windsor, a £90,000 two-bedroom mid-terrace house is available at £700 a month. Four-bedroom houses range from £1,500-£3,000 a month.

Ian Perry of Hobbs & Chambers, the estate agent, which is owned by the Leeds Permanent Building Society, said the number of properties to rent in the area around Oxford, Cheltenham, Banbury, Newbury, Bath and Malvern had trebled in the last five years and since the property crash in the spring of 1989 had increased 40 per cent.

Home owners opting to take tenants usually had let their property within three weeks of giving instructions whereas it might take six months to sell. "In some cases the owner does not cover the outgoings but the rent received can be used to rent elsewhere." Properties being offered for rent ranged from a one-bedroom studio flat in Cheltenham to a substantial property with five acres and stables.

Tenants were typically moving for their job and were either on a short-term secondment or wanted to take longer to decide what they wanted to buy. Families were acceptable but dogs were not encouraged. Those who had rented for a year or two would still be able to buy at a good price in the spring, he said. Currently country manors worth about £500,000 are available at £15,000 to £20,000 a year and properties valued at £300,000 can be rented for £1,000 a month. In most cases, the tenant has to maintain the gardens, but where these are extensive the regular gardener may be kept on by the landlord.

Chris Cullen, managing director of the Midlands region of Halifax Property Services, reports a steady growth in the rental market but cautions prospective tenants that property prices could be at the bottom of the cycle.

"They are taking a calculated gamble as confidence can return quickly," he said.

There were, however, rental bargains to be had, he agreed. One property his office had let was valued at £75,000 and let for £400 a month. A five-bedroom property in substantial grounds in Leicestershire, which was put on the market at £340,000, was later rented at £1,000 a month.

Owners with mortgages on properties they plan to rent out need to obtain permission from their lenders before they go ahead. Tenants have been evicted by building societies because of arrears.

Cash in the bank outweighs pride in bricks and mortar

AFTER spending the whole summer looking for a house or an apartment in central London, an American stockbroker last weekend started renting a flat that he had first viewed as a prospective buyer months before (Lindsay Cook writes).

The economics of renting were overwhelmingly in favour of it, he said. The apartment, which was for sale at £530,000, was costing him the equivalent of a £350,000 mortgage. In addition he has no heating bills or service charge to pay.

"I have worked out that with my money in the bank, the property market would have to rise by about 11 per cent in the next year for me to lose out and I do not believe that it will. When the housing market improves, a lot more properties will be put on the market.

"I really wanted to buy and I looked at virtually every property for sale in London between the prices of £300,000 and £600,000. I have a lease for a year and an option to extend it. And if I decide that I want to buy the apartment after living here, I am the first in line," he said.

Alix Hutchinson decided to rent out her one-bedroom flat in Blackheath, southeast London, after having it on the market for three months and failing to find a buyer. She had been made redundant and wanted to move back to her parents' home in Carlisle while she looked for another job.

"The flat was on the market for £69,500 and the rent is £550 a month, which covers my mortgage and gives a breathing space to find another job. I did not want to be forced to take just any job to pay the mortgage. I don't have to worry and don't have to take a lower price for the flat."

Ms Hutchinson said her building society did not place any objections to her renting out the flat: "I went to the letting part of the Woolwich Building Society and in about two weeks they had organised tenants. I was surprised how quickly it went.

"The flat is let for six months. By then I should know whether I am moving back to London to work. If I am, I can live in the flat again. If not, I can try to sell it again or continue to let it," she said.

Fergus Cusden decided to rent when he got married recently after being an owner-occupier of a flat for the past three years. His wife is a doctor and may have to move for her career.

"With the housing market the way it is at present we thought it would be difficult to sell quickly," he said. Mr Cusden bought his previous flat with a friend early in 1988 before the rush to beat the deadline for multiple tax relief. His co-owner is now buying him out and fortunately the flat has not fallen in value. It is worth about the same as it was when they bought it.

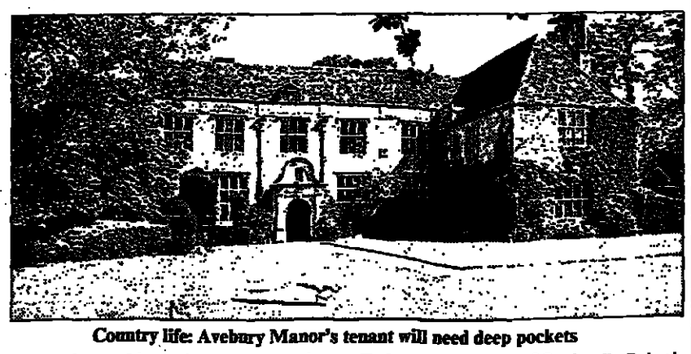
The flat they are renting in Sutton, south London costs £500 a month. This is a little less than a mortgage on the flat would be and the rent includes the service charge and ground rent.

The couple's tenancy is for a minimum of six months and can extend to a year with either side having to give three months' notice. It took them two and a half weeks to find the flat through Chestertons Residential.

Mr Cusden added: "I am glad that some of the stigma has gone from renting properties. I feel that when people are younger they should not be tied down with a mortgage. A few years ago it cost as much to rent as to buy. You felt that you were wasting money if you did not buy. That has now changed."

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By SARA MCCONNELL



Country life: Avebury Manor's tenant will need deep pockets

RENTING a country manor house or cottage is tempting, but demand far outstrips supply. The National Trust rents out about 2,500 properties, but only about five come on the market a year.

The trust said: "The properties are advertised locally and sometimes nationally. Anyone interested should watch local papers, property press or register with an estate agent. The trust is required to charge a market rent which will depend on the conditions of the lease. Some tenants are required to open to the public on certain days a week, while others might be required to refurbish the property using traditional skills. This would be reflected in the rent."

The trust does not keep a list of properties for rent and people should not contact it speculatively. At the moment, only one property, the Grade 1 listed 12-bedroom Avebury Manor, Wiltshire, is available. The rent is only £275 a year, but it wants £200,000 for a 20-year lease. The tenant would also need £100,000 in the first two or three years for internal decoration and installing central heating. The house must open to the public three days a week from April to October. Carter Jonas, the chartered surveyor, is inviting bids from tenants with details of their financial position. A shortlist will be sent to the trust this month.

☐ There are 150 homes for rent on the Duke and Duchess of Rutland's Belvoir Castle estate, Grantham, Lincolnshire. Turnover is about 10 per cent a year but there are several applications a week. Tim Stansby, estate manager, said: "We have waiting lists of people connected with the estate. We get letters and calls almost daily. But staff come first."

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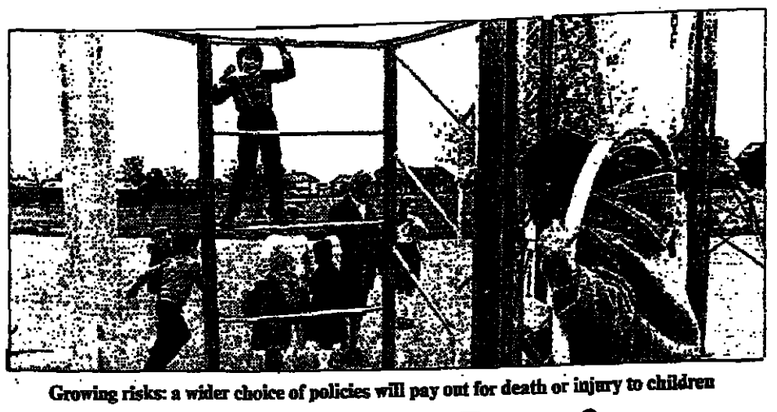
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Growing risks: a wider choice of policies will pay out for death or injury to children

Insurers playing on parents' fears

By HELEN PRIDHAM

MOST parents know only too well how accident-prone children can be. At this time of year with school sports and after-school activities in full swing again, and Guy Fawkes' night just around the corner, it sometimes seems a wonder that so many children reach adulthood unscathed.

Not all are so lucky. According to the Children's Accident Prevention Trust, every week nearly 200 children suffer a disabling injury. By drawing attention to such facts, Cigna, the American insurance company, is hoping to persuade parents to take out its new insurance policy for their children.

Cigna points out that getting compensation is not easy, even if the parents feel the school or local authority was at fault.

Parents need to be aware, however, that they can get the same type of cover that Cigna is offering more cheaply elsewhere. Although Cigna claims that its Firstcover policy is "the only one approved by the National Confederation of Parent-Teacher Associations", the NCPTA actually offers its own personal accident scheme for less than half the price.

Another scheme soon to be launched by Perkins Slade, insurance brokers to the Central Council for Physical Recreation, looks like being even more competitive. It intends to cut costs by offering a single premium policy that will cover all the children in a family against accidents for five years.

The NCPTA was persuaded to endorse the Cigna product because the company has been underwriting its own policy for some years, though the administration is handled by Brown Shipley Insurance Services' schools division.

However, George Whiting, insurance specialist at the NCPTA, admits: "We are having second thoughts about our endorsement of Cigna's policy. Although it is comprehensive, we feel it is too expensive and probably out of the reach of many parents."

Cigna's Firstcover policy, which it is said to be promoting at a cost of £500,000, offers two levels of cover. The annual premium for maximum cover of £200,000 is £54 for a single child or £84 for two or more children. For £100,000 of cover the premiums are £36 and £60 respectively.

The full sum assured is paid out if a child suffers a major injury such as total paralysis, total loss of sight, loss of or loss of use of an arm, hand or leg. Smaller benefits are paid out for lesser injuries. On death, both policies will pay £5,000 to cover funeral expenses.

The NCPTA's own scheme, which it sells mainly through PTAs, costs only £25 per child for £200,000 maximum cover and £16 for £100,000, although some of its proportionate benefits are more modest than Cigna's for the higher cover plan.

Cigna does have some other advantages. It will cover children from the age of one, whereas the NCPTA scheme is for those of four and over, and there is a helpline to give advice on claims.

Much cheaper schemes do exist but they cover children only while they are at school. Perkins Slade, a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Birmingham Midshires Building Society, offers a policy that costs just 42p per pupil.

Underwritten by Commercial Union and Royal London General, it will pay up to £50,000 for injuries sustained during any school activity anywhere in Britain. But the policy is available only if every pupil in a school is insured.

The other big drawback to the policy is that it covers children for school activities only. Many accidents happen outside school. Under the NCPTA scheme, which covers nearly 100,000 children, 38 per cent of the claims settled in 1991 related to road traffic accidents.

Recognising the limitations of its existing scheme, Perkins Slade is working on a new policy it will be bringing out by the end of the year, one that can be sold individually and will cover children throughout the day, both in Britain and while travelling abroad.

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☐ The Bristol & West Building Society has opened the first of a series of financial centres in Bristol. The centres will be walk-in shops holding a range of information leaflets on financial topics. There will be computer displays of houses for sale, electronic information boards and interactive touchscreens. Customers will also be able to calculate their mortgage repayments. The centres will be open seven days a week and up to 50 per cent longer than traditional branches.

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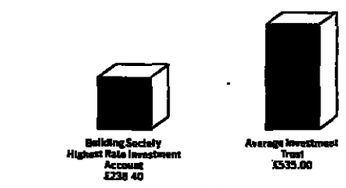
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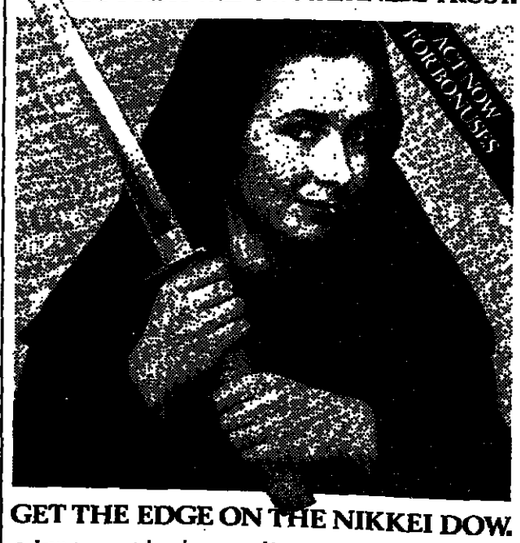
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Building societies cut costs and raise interest

Postal rates deliver top returns

By SARA MCCONNELL

SAVERS looking for high interest rates and instant access to their money are being targeted by building societies launching postal accounts.

Societies are looking to cut costs by reducing branch overheads and are making account transactions easier for customers, who can arrange withdrawals over the telephone or make deposits by post.

Rates on these accounts can be up to 3 per cent higher than on a traditional, branch-based instant access account.

Societies offering the accounts concede, however, that rates will probably fall over the next few months, although they will remain "competitive".

Building societies sometimes close accounts to new business rather than dropping rates, to keep money in the society to fund mortgage commitments.

Tim Fletcher, Bradford & Bingley's direct savings development manager, said: "The people who are prepared to deal this way tend to be discerning and if we don't keep up the rates, the money will walk."



On line: telephonists ready to handle account transactions at Bradford & Bingley's seven-day operations centre

The Bradford & Bingley this week started offering its Direct *Premium Plan to all its customers.* The account was launched initially in July to customers of the Leamington Spa Building Society, which merged with the Bradford & *Bingley at the beginning of* July.

For accounts with interest credited annually, Direct Premium pays 8.63 per cent net, 11.5 per cent gross, on balances of between £1,000 and £9,999. Balances of between £10,000 and £24,999 earn 8.78 per cent net, 11.7 per cent gross, while £25,000 or more earns 8.93 per cent net, 11.9 per cent gross.

There is a higher minimum balance of £10,000 for accounts with interest paid monthly. Balances of between £10,000 and £24,999 earn 8.33 per cent net, 11.1 per cent gross, while those of £25,000 or more earn 8.48 per cent net, 11.3 per cent gross. These rates are under review and are likely to fall in the next few weeks.

Customers can carry out transactions either by post or telephone. Phone lines at the society's Leamington Spa operations centre are open between 7.30am and 9.30pm five days a week, 8.30am to 4.30pm on Saturday and 9am to 3pm on Sunday.

Withdrawals can be authorised on the phone but cheques can only be made payable to the account holder or to his or her bank account. There is a security system of five passwords before withdrawals can be made and all phone calls are recorded.

The two other large societies with postal accounts, the Cheltenham & Gloucester and the Britannia, do not offer telephone transactions at the moment but the Britannia, which launched its Capital Trust account last week, is paying 9.12 per cent net, 12.15 per cent gross, annually on balances of £2,000 and over. The rate is guaranteed until November 1, but Lionel Owen, the Britannia's deputy general manager, said: "There is a wide expectation of another base rate cut and we *are likely to cut the rate after* November 1."

The rate would continue to be competitive, he added.

The return on a balance of £2,000 in Britannia's Trident instant access account is 6.82 per cent net, 9.1 per cent gross. Mr Owen said that if there was overwhelming demand for the postal account, the society would stop advertising it rather than close it altogether.

The Cheltenham & Gloucester launched its postal savings account, the London Share, in May 1989. Since the summer, customers have been able to open accounts in branches and run them by post. It pays 8.73 per cent net, 11.65 per cent gross, on balances of £2,000 up to £3 million if interest is credited annually. If interest is paid monthly, the minimum balance is £5,000 and the rate is *8.3 per cent net, 11.07 per cent* gross. The ordinary Cheltenham Gold instant access account pays 6.3 per cent net, 8.4 per cent gross annually. The top rate on the account is 7.5 per cent net, 10 per cent gross, on balances of £25,000 and over.

The society is reviewing rates on the account, which have not changed since July 22, but said: "Rates ought to be high, because there are no overheads from the branch network."

The Woolwich and the Midland this week joined most of their major high street rivals in cutting rates on branch-based accounts.

The Woolwich's Prime Gold instant access account is paying half a percentage point less on average. Balances of between £500 and £9,999 now earn 6.64 per cent net, 8.85 per cent gross, down from 7.01 per cent net, 9.35 per cent gross, if interest is paid annually. The top rate on the account is 8.44 per cent net, 10.75 per cent gross, on balances of £50,000 and over. The top rate on the monthly Prime Gold account is 7.69 per cent net, 10.25 per cent gross, down from 8.03 per cent net, 10.71 per cent gross.

The Midland has cut rates on its Orchard and Meridian accounts by between 0.18 per cent and 0.38 per cent. The top rate on Meridian is now 7.97 per cent net, 10.75 per cent gross, down from 8.33 per cent net, 11.25 per cent gross, on balances of £50,000 and over. Orchard now pays 7.78 per cent net, 10.5 per cent gross, down from 7.97 per cent net, 10.75 per cent gross, on the same balance.

Tax rules penalise top-ups on cheap employee loans

EMPLOYEES of banks, building societies and insurance companies who get mortgages at preferential rates of interest can find themselves at a *disadvantage if they need to* top up the loan. Those who opt for first-time buyer discounts or fixed-rate offers pay more for these than other borrowers (Sara McConnell *writes*).

Employees who earn more than £8,500 a year are taxed on loans as a benefit in kind, based on the difference between the rate on their loans and the Inland Revenue's "official" rate of interest. That official rate is now based on the typical mortgage rate and is due to come down by half a percentage point to 11.25 per cent on October 6.

Many first-time borrower discounts or fixed-rate offers bring rates well below the offical interest rate, however, creating a tax liability for employees qualifying for first-time buyer or fixed-rate discounts.

Most financial institutions will lend their employees be*tween £40,000 and £50,000 at* a rate of about 5 per cent. Any sum larger than that will be lent at a commercial rate but will still be considered a benefit by the Inland Revenue and taxed accordingly.

Brian Morris, assistant secretary of the British Bankers' Association, said: "Employees can normally get a loan of up to, say, £50,000, at a rate of 5 per cent, so they are taxed on the 6.25 per cent difference.

"If the total size of the mortgage is £80,000, the top £30,000 would be taxed on the difference between the commercial rate and the official rate."

The number of people affected by this was fairly small, he added.

There is now little problem, however, for those employees who pay an ordinary rate for their mortgage. Since the last Budget, the Inland Revenue has changed the way it cal*culates the official rate*, which now reflects the typical mortgage rate.

Previously, the official rate was calculated using the bank base rate plus 1.5 per cent, *which meant* that all employees with loans were taxed on the large difference between the official and the typical rates, on the top slice of a mortgage.

The official rate has fallen steadily from 13.5 per cent in April, when the change in its calculation was announced, to the present 11.75 per cent, reflecting the series of mortgage rate cuts since then. Next month's cut will bring the official rate to its lowest level since 1988. It was 9.5 per cent between May and August of that year.

Lenders fix mortgages for five years

FIVE-year fixed-rate mortgages were launched this week by Barclays, the Abbey National and the Woolwich Building Society. Shorter-term fixed-rate and capped loans are also on offer (Sara McConnell writes).

The Woolwich's new rate over five years of 10.4 per cent, an annual percentage rate (APR) of 11.7 per cent, would save a borrower with a £40,000 endowment mortgage £29.79 a month.

There is an administration fee of £195, however, and the offer applies only to endowment or pension mortgages.

If borrowers redeem their mortgage during the fixed rate of the term, they have to pay a redemption penalty of three months' interest.

Another loan with a rate fixed at 10.25 per cent (APR 12 per cent) for two years is also on offer. This would save a borrower with a £40,000 loan £33.86 a month.

Barclays has a five-year fixed-rate of 10.5 per cent (APR 11.1 per cent) until September 30, 1996. Two- and three-year terms are also available at this rate, while a rate of 9.75 per cent (APR 10.2 per cent) capped for one year is on offer until September 30, 1992.

A capped rate mortgage protects borrowers if rates move higher but allows them to take advantage of a lower rate if there is a cut. Borrowers can take out repayment, endowment or pension mortgages with all the offers.

Borrowers taking advantage of Barclays' five-year fixed-rate will, however, have to pay a redemption penalty of five months' interest if they withdraw during the first three years and three months' interest in the last two years. Two- and three-year deals have a redemption penalty of two months' interest, but if customers move house and want to hang on to the fixed or capped element, the redemption fee will be waived. At the end of the term, customers can choose between reverting to the variable rate, at the moment 11.55 per cent, or taking out another fixed-rate loan.

The Abbey National's first ever five-year fixed-rate deal of 10.7 per cent (APR 11.9 per cent) was launched this week and applies until September 30, 1996.

At the end of the term, the mortgage will revert to the prevailing rate. Funds must be booked by paying an administration fee of £200 and a charge of 150 days' interest will be charged in the first year for early redemption. Redeeming the mortgage in years two to five will cost borrowers 90 days' interest.

If borrowers want to move in the fixed-rate period, they can take their mortgage with them.

A loan fixed for three years at 9.95 per cent (APR 12.2 per cent) until January 1993, then held at 10.95 per cent (APR 12.5 per cent) for a further two years, is on offer from Citibank Mortgage for borrowers taking out loans for up to 90 per cent of the valuation of the property.

There is a fee of £500, which can be added to the loan. People taking a right to buy or remortgage option will have to pay a premium of 0.25 per cent.

Citibank also has a capped rate of 10.5 per cent (APR 12.5 per cent) until January 1993.

Stephen Balme, Citibank's marketing director, welcomed the recent cuts in interest rates but said: "We would caution potential borrowers to bear in mind that a great deal of uncertainty still lies ahead for the British economy and the safest place to be when considering a mortgage has to be a well-priced fixed or capped rate. If you're beating the ten-year historic average of 12.5 per cent, these are certainly a good buy."

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This Mini Prospectus describes briefly M&G Income Investment Trust P.L.C., the Offer and how to apply for Package Units. The Mini Prospectus contains information in summary form drawn from the Listing Particulars of the Company dated 30th August, 1991 which alone contains full details of the Company and the Offer, and is to be read in conjunction with the Listing Particulars. Copies of the Listing Particulars are available from the places referred to at the end of this document until the Offer closes and copies may also be obtained from the Company Announcements Office, The Stock Exchange, 46 Finsbury Square, London EC2, by collection only, until 25th September, 1991.

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TIMETABLE

	1991
Application lists for the Package Units open	10.00 a.m. on Friday, 30th August
Commencement of main publicity arrangements for the Offer	Friday, 20th September
Latest time for receipt of applications for the Package Units	10.00 a.m. on Thursday, 17th October
Basis of allocation expected to be announced	10.00 a.m. on Tuesday, 22nd October
Definitive certificates expected to be despatched	Monday, 28th October
Dealings in the Package Units, Geared Ordinary Units and Shares expected to commence	8.30 a.m. on Tuesday, 29th October

KEY INFORMATION

THE COMPANY

- M&G Income Investment Trust P.L.C. is a new split capital investment trust with a planned life of ten years
- The underlying policy of the Company will be to achieve above average and growing income as well as capital growth from a portfolio consisting predominantly of UK listed ordinary shares
- The Company aims to provide an initial gross dividend yield approximately 40 per cent higher than that of the FT Actuaries All-Share Index as well as a real growth in income over the planned life of the Company

The Company's portfolio will be managed by M&G Investment Management Limited along similar lines to the M&G UK income unit trust funds

SUBSCRIPTION DURING THE OFFER PERIOD

Package Units

Package Units will be offered for subscription at 100p each. Each Package Unit will consist of one Zero Dividend Preference Share, one Income Share and one Capital Share

- A straightforward investment.

Investment in the Package Unit will equate to investing in an ordinary share in a high yielding UK investment trust without a split capital structure.

- Offering the prospects of rising income and capital growth.

The Package Units are designed to offer investors above average and increasing income over the life of the Company in the same way as M&G's UK income unit trust funds have done over the last ten year period. The initial forecast annualised gross yield at the Offer Price of 100p is 6.55 per cent. based on a forecast annualised net dividend equivalent to 4.91p per Package Unit

- Quarterly Income Payments

Dividends will be paid four times a year

Full £6,000 PEP

- PEP Investments

The Company will be a qualifying investment trust and will provide the opportunity for tax free investment of up to £6,000 under the Offer for Subscription of Package Units.

PLACING

In addition to the Offer for Subscription of Package Units, S G Warburg Securities will use reasonable endeavours to seek placees for Zero Dividend Preference Shares and Geared Ordinary Units (consisting of one Income Share and one Capital Share)

DEALINGS AFTER THE OFFER CLOSES

Dealings are expected to commence in the Package Units, the Geared Ordinary Units and the Component Shares on Tuesday, 29th October, 1991. Investors will then be able to deal in Package Units, Geared Ordinary Units and the Component Shares as they will all be separately traded on the London Stock Exchange. This ability to deal in the Component Shares as well as in the Units is expected to improve the aggregate market value of the Company, relative to its net asset value.

ISSUE STATISTICS

	Package Units	Geared Ordinary Units	Zero Dividend Preference Shares
Price per Unit/Share	100p	65.5p	34.5p
Forecast initial gross dividend yield	6.55%	10.0%	–
Gross yield to redemption	–	–	11.5%
Initial net asset value per Unit/Share	94.55p	60.05p	34.5p

BACKGROUND AND INVESTMENT POLICY

Split Capital Investment Trusts

A split capital investment trust has more than one class of share capital. As at 22nd August, 1991 the combined market capitalisation of all UK investment trusts with some form of split capital structure amounted to over £2 billion (Source: Datastream). The shares issued by these investment trusts were on that date valued by the stockmarket at 3.6 per cent above their estimated underlying net asset value.

The Package Unit has characteristics similar to an ordinary share in an investment trust without a split capital structure. However, once dealings commence and the Package Unit can be split up, investors who are seeking income as opposed to capital growth can purchase Income Shares; those seeking a predetermined return in the form of capital can purchase Zero Dividend Preference Shares and those seeking leveraged growth with no income can purchase Capital Shares. The Geared Ordinary Unit provides a composite income and capital unit offering a high initial gross yield and capital gearing.

Investment Objective

The Company's investment objective will be to provide its Package Unit holders with an attractive total return derived from a high starting yield and an increasing level of dividends, together with capital appreciation.

At the Offer Price, the Package Units will have a forecast annualised gross dividend yield of 6.55 per cent. based on a forecast annualised net dividend of 4.91p based on a notional 12 month financial period to 31st October, 1992. This expectation rests on achieving a prospective yield, on the initial assets of the Company following the Offer, of 7.38 per cent. for that period. This currently represents a yield of approximately one and a half times that of the FT Actuaries All Share Index. The Company's portfolio will be modelled on those of M&G's UK income unit trusts which have a long established record for income and capital growth.

One of the Company's prime investment objectives will be to increase dividends each year over the Company's life, with overall increases at least equal to the increase in the Retail Prices Index.

Investment Policy

The portfolio will initially be comprised of listed ordinary shares in companies returning above average yields, smaller companies (that is, companies capitalised at under £250 million) and recovery stocks.

The Manager's experience leads it to the view that shares with these characteristics can deliver a growing income as well as capital growth at least equal to that of the market as a whole. Whilst the initial portfolio is expected to be exclusively invested in UK companies, the Manager may select overseas shares which it believes would suit the Company's objectives.

No investments in unquoted securities will be made.

It will be the intention to ensure that:

– The interests of the holders of the Package Units, the Geared Ordinary Units and the Shares are balanced at all times.

– The investment policy will be such that the Company will be a qualifying investment trust.

Although the Company may borrow to a limited extent to fund short-term investment opportunities, it is not the present intention that any significant long term borrowings will be made. The Company may participate in underwriting public share issues.

CAPITAL STRUCTURE AND CHARACTERISTICS OF PACKAGE UNITS, SHARES AND GEARED ORDINARY UNITS

Capital Structure Summary

For purposes of the illustrative investment statistics given in this document it has been assumed that the gross proceeds of the Offer will amount to £125 million. In the event of less than £20 million being raised the Offer will not proceed.

The Offer for Subscription of Zero Dividend Preference Shares, Income Shares and Capital Shares will be made only in the form of Package Units issued at 100p per Unit. Each Package Unit will consist of the following Component Shares:-

One Zero Dividend Preference Share with a redemption value of 102.46p at the end of the Company's planned ten year life

One Income Share with an initial minimum annualised forecast gross dividend of 6.55p and a redemption value of 0.1p

One Capital Share with an initial net asset value of 59.95p

Zero Dividend Preference Shares and Geared Ordinary Units will be made available in the Placing. The Geared Ordinary Units each consist of one Income Share and one Capital Share.

Package Unit

The Package Units are designed to offer holders an above average and growing income over the life of the Company. The Package Unit has characteristics similar to an ordinary share in an investment trust without a split capital structure.

The Package Unit will have an initial forecast annualised gross dividend yield of 6.55 per cent. assuming a forecast annualised gross dividend of 6.55p per Income Share. The following table shows the estimated gross redemption yields of the Package Unit assuming various annual growth rates in income and capital over the Company's planned ten year life. The gross redemption yield measures the total annualised capital and income returns from any investment over a fixed period.

Package Units Gross Redemption Yield (% per annum)

Asset and Income Growth Rates	0%	2.5%	5.0%	7.5%	10.0%	12.5%
Gross Redemption Yield	5.82%	8.31%	10.79%	13.27%	15.76%	18.24%

Zero Dividend Preference Shares

The Zero Dividend Preference Shares (which carry no entitlement to income) will rank for repayment in priority to the other classes of Share. The initial assets of the Company, after expenses, would be sufficient to repay to the holders of Zero Dividend Preference Shares 92.29 per cent of the amount of their entitlement at the end of the planned ten year life based on their predetermined rate of growth.

The initial asset value of each Zero Dividend Preference Share will be 34.5p which will grow at a monthly compound growth rate of 0.91 per cent. to give an entitlement to 102.46p at 5th November, 2001. This will give the Zero Dividend Preference Shares an annualised gross redemption yield of 11.5 per cent.

Income Shares

Holders of Income Shares will be entitled to all the income from the Company's investments, after expenses and tax, which is determined to be distributed and will therefore benefit from geared dividend growth in the underlying portfolio. They also carry the right to the distribution of the Company's revenue reserves (if any) immediately before the expiry of the Company's planned life. The dividend on the Income Shares will be paid quarterly.

The Income Shares will entitle holders to a payment of 0.1p per Income Share at the end of the Company's planned life. The Income Shares will have an initial forecast annualised gross dividend of 6.55p per share.

As the Income Shares will only have an established market price once dealings commence it is not possible to provide an estimate of the total return per Income Share assuming various annual rates of income growth for the Company.

However, the table below sets out the sum total of all the gross dividends payable to the holders of Income Shares during the planned ten year life assuming various annual rates of income growth for the Company.

Income Shares Total Gross Dividend Return

Income Growth Rates	0%	2.5%	5.0%	7.5%	10.0%	12.5%
Total Gross Dividend Return	65.58p	73.49p	82.50p	92.79p	104.53p	117.91p

Capital Shares

Holders of Capital Shares (which carry no entitlement to income) will be entitled to all the surplus assets of the Company once the respective entitlements of the holders of the Zero Dividend Preference Shares and the Income Shares have been satisfied in full. Assuming initial expenses are no higher than 5.45 per cent of the amount raised, the initial asset value attributable to the Capital Shares will be 59.95p. The Capital Shares will also benefit from capital gearing which initially will be 1.58 times. The degree of capital gearing determines the extra rise, or fall, attributable to the Capital Shares' net asset value as a result of a rise, or fall, in the total assets of the Company.

The table below sets out the redemption value of the Capital Shares at the end of the planned ten year life assuming various annual rates of asset growth for the Company.

Capital Shares Redemption Value

Asset Growth Rates	0%	2.5%	5.0%	7.5%	10.0%	12.5%
Redemption Value	0p	13.26p	44.98p	84.31p	132.84p	192.42p

The redemption values do not take account of the effects of different rates of capital gains tax payable by individual investors, nor of the availability of indexation relief and the annual capital gains tax allowance.

Geared Ordinary Unit

As part of the Offer arrangements, S G Warburg Securities will use reasonable endeavours to procure placees for equal numbers of Geared Ordinary Units at 65.5p each and Zero Dividend Preference Shares at 34.5p each. The Geared Ordinary Unit is a composite trading unit consisting of one Income Share and one Capital Share. The Geared Ordinary Unit is designed to provide a high initial yield with the prospect of growing income and of capital growth. At the issue price of 65.5p, the Geared Ordinary Units will have a forecast initial gross dividend yield of 10 per cent based on the forecast annualised gross dividend of 6.55p per Income Share.

The table below sets out the gross redemption yields and the redemption values of the Geared Ordinary Unit at the end of the planned ten year life, assuming various annual rates of income and capital growth for the Company. The redemption values do not take into account the effects of different rates of capital gains tax payable by individual investors, nor of the availability of indexation relief and the annual capital gains tax allowance.

Geared Ordinary Unit

Asset and Income Growth Rates	0%	2.5%	5.0%	7.5%	10.0%	12.5%
Gross Redemption Yield	0.07%	4.69%	10.17%	14.53%	18.32%	21.78%
Redemption Value	0p	13.36p	45.08p	84.41p	132.94p	192.52p

Duration and rights on winding-up

The Company will have a planned life of approximately ten years. However, shortly before the end of this period, the Directors will examine means by which shareholders can effectively continue their investment and defer, if possible, crystallisation of liabilities to capital gains tax.

Under the Articles of Association, the Directors are obliged, unless absolved by a Special Resolution of the Company and by Extraordinary Resolution of each of the three classes of Share, to convene an extraordinary general meeting of the Company to be held on or immediately prior to 5th November, 2001 at which a resolution will be proposed to wind up the Company. As this proposal is designed to ensure that holders of the Zero Dividend Preference Shares and Capital Shares have an opportunity to realise their investment, those who vote in favour of the resolution will collectively be deemed to have such number of votes as is one more than the number of votes necessary to carry the resolution.

Should an offer be made to the holders of the Zero Dividend Preference Shares on or before 5th November, 2001, or a resolution be passed sanctioning a scheme of arrangement or other re-organisation which in either case, would realise for the holders of the Zero Dividend Preference Shares an amount in cash at least equal to what they would have received on the winding-up of the Company on or immediately prior to 5th November, 2001, then they will be disenfranchised in respect of voting at meetings of the Company, including the meeting to be held on or immediately prior to 5th November, 2001 to consider the resolution to wind up the Company.

Voting Rights

Except on resolutions relating to the winding-up of the Company (as described above) each class of Share will have the following voting rights.

Holders of Zero Dividend Preference Shares are not entitled to vote at General Meetings of the Company other than on any resolution for the alteration of any object set out in the Memorandum of Association of the Company or on any resolution varying or abrogating the rights attaching to their Shares or any resolution to wind up the Company (subject as provided above).

Holders of Income Shares and holders of Capital Shares are entitled to vote at General Meetings of the Company except that holders of Capital Shares are not entitled to vote on the declaration of dividends on the Income Shares.

Subject to the special voting rights on a winding-up (referred to above) where the holders of Shares are entitled to vote they each have one vote on a show of hands and one vote in respect of each Share held on a poll.

In addition, each class of shareholder will be required to approve by Extraordinary Resolution, passed at separate class meetings, certain proposals which would be likely to affect the position of the relevant class, including variation of the winding-up provisions.

Future issues of Shares

The Directors have been given authority, expiring at the Company's first Annual General Meeting, to issue for cash new Package Units equivalent to five per cent of the Company's issued share capital following the Offer.

The terms of the M&G PEP will permit the PEP manager to apply monies available for investment either in acquiring Package Units in the market, or subscribing for new Package Units. The Directors intend to issue new Package Units comprised within such five per cent authority, to the manager of the M&G PEP upon receipt of valid applications, provided that the subscription price for such Units is equal to the market price and not less than the net asset value of the Package Units at the time of subscription.

INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT AND ADMINISTRATION

The Directors are responsible for the determination of the Company's investment policy and have overall responsibility for the Company's activities.

The Company's portfolio will be managed by M&G Investment Management Limited, investment managers of the M&G range of unit trust, life assurance and pension funds. M&G Investment Management Limited also provides investment management services to company pension funds, charities and other clients. Funds under management at 31st July, 1991 were £8.2 billion, including internal investments of approximately £1 billion.

M&G launched the UK's first unit trust in 1931 and its range currently includes four funds valued in total at 22nd August, 1991 at over £1.2 billion, investing mainly in UK equities and aiming to provide above average and growing income. Over ten years three of these funds have performed above the median of UK equity invested income unit trusts, including one in the top quartile (Source: Micropal).

The Company has entered into an investment management agreement with M&G Investment Management Limited for the management of its portfolio. Under that agreement M&G Investment Management Limited will receive an investment management fee equal to 0.75 per cent per annum (plus VAT), of the net assets of the Company payable monthly in advance.

DIVIDEND POLICY

The Directors intend that substantially all the income of the Company, after expenses and tax, will be distributed to the holders of the Income Shares. From time to time the Directors may retain a small amount of income in the revenue reserve with a view to producing an even and steady growth in dividends.

Annual accounts will be made up to 31st January in each year, and the Company's first accounting period will end on 31st January, 1993, a first accounting period of approximately 17 months.

In the absence of unforeseen circumstances, the Directors would expect to pay net dividends to holders of Income Shares, and therefore to holders of the Package Units and Geared Ordinary Units, by way of three interim dividends and one final dividend. It is intended that interim dividends will be announced in June, September and December, and be paid in July, October and January. The final dividend will be announced in March, for approval at the Annual General Meeting of the Company in April and payment also in April. For the period of approximately twelve months from commencement of dealings to 31st October, 1992 four interim dividends will be paid expected to total not less than 4.91p (net) per Income Share, equivalent to 6.55p (gross) per Package Unit and 6.55p (gross) per Geared Ordinary Unit. The first interim dividend will be paid after 5th April, 1992.

NON-EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS OF THE COMPANY

Lawrence Edward Linaker *(Chairman)* (57) Deputy Chairman and Group Managing Director of M&G Group P.L.C.

John Peter Allard (45) Director of M&G Investment Management Limited. Director of M&G Dual Trust P.L.C. and M&G Second Dual Trust P.L.C. Joined M&G in 1975. Manager of The M&G General Trust Fund since 1978 and The M&G High Income Fund since 1979.

Bryan Charles Hines (59) General Manager of ICI's Insurance and Investments Group.

Donald Charles Macpherson (59) Deputy Chairman of NatWest Investment Bank.

Neil McGowan Shaw (62) Chairman and Chief Executive of Tate & Lyle PLC.

Anthony Patrick Shearer (42) Financial Director of M&G Group P.L.C. and Managing Director of M&G Securities Limited.

PERSONAL EQUITY PLANS

Under current legislation, Package Units, Geared Ordinary Units and Shares will each qualify for inclusion in PEPs. The Company intends to manage its affairs so as to be a qualifying investment trust. Investors who are PEP managers will be able to purchase Package Units in the Offer for Subscription for the account of their PEP clients.

An investor may only subscribe to one PEP in each tax year. Applicants under the Offer for Subscription may, subject to the terms and conditions of the PEP, renounce or transfer up to £6,000 worth of Package Units or of Component Shares into a PEP provided the renunciation or transfer takes effect within 42 days of allotment. Allotment is expected to take place on 28th October, 1991 and on this basis the last day for renunciation or transfer into a PEP will be 8th December, 1991. A transfer of £6,000 worth of Package Units or Component Shares will represent the current maximum PEP subscription limit for one year.

Allotments made under the Placing may not be transferred into a PEP.

The attraction of a PEP is that returns from qualifying shares held within such a plan are free of income tax and capital gains tax. The current subscription limit to a PEP is £6,000, of which up to £3,000 may be used to purchase shares in qualifying investment trusts. The figure of £3,000 is increased to £6,000 in the case of applications by individuals for shares under an offer for subscription which are renounced or transferred into a PEP. In the case of a married couple, each spouse is treated separately, so that the couple can between them subscribe a maximum of £12,000 for renunciation or transfer into PEPs for the current tax year.

RISK FACTORS

General

Prospective investors should be aware that the value of the Shares and the income derived from them can fluctuate. In addition, there is no guarantee that the market price of shares in investment trusts will fully reflect their underlying net asset value. The net proceeds of the issue will be invested over a period following commencement of dealings. If stock market prices rise or fall significantly between 30th August, 1991 and the commencement of dealings the potential returns available to shareholders may differ from those forecast in the Listing Particulars.

Income Shares

Dividend growth on the Income Shares will depend on dividend growth in the underlying portfolio. Dividend cuts within the portfolio could result in the Income Shares yielding less in future years.

Zero Dividend Preference Shares

Although the Zero Dividend Preference Shares are entitled to the first distribution of assets on the winding-up of the Company, a fall in the value of the total assets over the life of the Company would result in a lower repayment than the projected redemption value at the end of the planned ten year life. Repayment at the projected redemption value at the end of the planned ten year life will require a compound rate of growth in the value of the assets over this period of 1.26 per cent per annum.

Capital Shares

The capital entitlement of the Capital Shares ranks behind that of the Zero Dividend Preference Shares and the Income Shares. The initial asset value of the Capital Shares is 59.95p each. The Company must achieve a growth in net assets averaging at least 6.01 per cent per annum in order to be able to make a redemption payment of this amount on 5th November, 2001. At rates of growth in the net assets of the Company of less than 1.27 per cent per annum, the redemption value of the Capital Shares would be zero.

The price performance of the Capital Shares during the life of the Company is likely to represent an amplification of the market movement of the underlying portfolio of the Company and it will therefore be particularly volatile.

THE OFFER FOR SUBSCRIPTION AND THE PLACING

The Offer for Subscription is open for applications until 10.00 a.m. on Thursday, 17th October, 1991.

As part of the Offer arrangements S G Warburg Securities will use reasonable endeavours to procure placees for Geared Ordinary Units at 65.5p per Unit and Zero Dividend Preference Shares at 34.5p per share. The Geared Ordinary Units and Zero Dividend Preference Shares will be placed in equal numbers. Applications under the Placing will, in effect, be satisfied by splitting Package Units into Zero Dividend Preference Shares and Geared Ordinary Units.

Neither the Offer for Subscription nor the Placing is underwritten.

Once dealings commence on 29th October, 1991, investors in the Package Units and in the Geared Ordinary Units will be able to exchange their definitive certificates through the Company's Registrars for certificates representing the relevant underlying Component Shares, which will be separately traded on the London Stock Exchange in addition to dealings in the Package Units and Geared Ordinary Units. It is not possible to exchange certificates representing the Component Shares for certificates representing Units.

The number of Package Units being offered has deliberately been fixed at such a level as to minimise the possibility of having to scale down applications. Accordingly, the number of Package Units being offered should not be assumed as indicative of the number of Shares which will be allotted.

Selling Commission

Authorised financial intermediaries will be paid 3 per cent commission in the event of a successful application under the Offer for Subscription in respect of all Application Forms bearing their stamp and SIB number.

National Westminster Bank PLC, the Receiving Bank, will collate the Application Forms bearing the financial intermediaries' stamps and calculate the selling commission payable which will be paid by the end of November, 1991.

Expenses of the Offer

In consideration of the provision by M&G Financial Services Limited of its services in connection with the Offer (including organising the mass mailings of the Mini Prospectus, personalised application forms and M&G PEP documentation) the Company will pay to M&G Financial Services Limited a fee of 4.76 per cent of the gross proceeds of the Offer.

As part of the services referred to above, M&G Financial Services Limited will pay to S.G. Warburg Securities 4.76 per cent of the proceeds of the Placing (out of which S G Warburg Securities will pay commission to placees). The Company will pay to S.G. Warburg Securities a corporate finance fee of £175,000 and an override fee of 0.5 per cent on the first £100 million raised, 0.25 per cent on the next £50 million and 0.125 per cent on the balance.

The overall cost to the Company of the Offer at various levels of subscription is as follows:-

Gross proceeds of Offer (£million)	20	50	100	125	200
Expenses payable by the Company (expressed as a percentage of gross proceeds)	6.76	5.86	5.56	5.45	5.28

TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF APPLICATION

1. The contract created by the acceptance of applications as set out herein will be conditional on (i) the admission of the Zero Dividend Preference Shares, the Income Shares and the Capital Shares, issued and to be issued under the Offer, to the Official List of the London Stock Exchange and such admission becoming effective in accordance with the London Stock Exchange's rules by no later than 29th October, 1991 (or such later date, not being later than 5th November, 1991 as the Company, the Manager and S.G. Warburg Securities may agree) and (ii) the Offer for Subscription and Placing Agreement referred to in the Listing Particulars becoming unconditional and not being terminated in accordance with its terms.

2. If any application is not accepted, or if any contract created by acceptance does not become unconditional, or if valid applications are received for fewer than 20 million Package Units (including equivalent applications under the Placing), or if any application is scaled down the application moneys or, as the case may be, the balance of the amount paid on application will be returned without interest by post at the risk of the applicant. In the meantime, application moneys will be retained by National Westminster Bank PLC in a separate account.

3. The Company reserves the right to present all cheques and banker's drafts for payment on or after 10.00 a.m. on Thursday, 17th October, 1991 and to retain documents of title and surplus application moneys pending clearance of the successful applicants' cheques or bankers' drafts.

4. By completing and delivering an Application Form you (as the applicant(s)):-

(a) offer to subscribe for the number of Package Units specified in your Application Form or any smaller number for which such application is accepted at £1 per Package Unit subject to the Listing Particulars, these terms and conditions and the Memorandum and Articles of Association of the Company;

(b) authorise National Westminster Bank PLC to send a document of title for the number of Package Units for which your application is accepted, and/or a crossed cheque for any moneys returnable, by post to your address (or that of the first-named applicant) as set out in your Application Form and to procure that your name (together with the name(s) of any joint applicant(s)) is placed on the register of members of the Company in respect of such Package Units.

(c) in consideration of the Company agreeing that it will not, prior to 5th November, 1991, offer any Package Units to any persons other than as set out in the Listing Particulars, agree that your application may not be revoked until after 5th November, 1991 and that this paragraph constitutes a collateral contract between you and the Company which will become binding upon despatch by post or delivery of your Application Form duly completed to National Westminster Bank PLC.

(d) warrant that your remittance will be honoured on first presentation and agree that if it is not so honoured the Company may (without prejudice to any other rights it may have) avoid the agreement to allot the Shares and may allot them to some other person, in which case you will not be entitled to any refund or payment in respect thereof;

(e) agree that any definitive document of title and any moneys returnable to you may be retained pending clearance of your remittance and that such moneys will not bear interest;

(f) warrant that, if you sign the Application Form on behalf of another party or on behalf of a corporation, you have due authority to do so and undertake to enclose your power of attorney or a copy thereof duly certified by a solicitor or bank;

(g) agree that in respect of those Package Units for which your application has been received and processed and not refused, acceptance of your application shall be constituted, at the discretion of the Company, either (i) by notice to the London Stock Exchange of the basis of allocation (in which case such acceptance shall be on that basis) or (ii) notification of acceptance thereof to National Westminster Bank PLC;

(h) agree that all documents in connection with the Offer and any returned moneys will be sent at your risk and may be sent to you at your address (or, in the case of joint applicants, the address of the first-named applicant) as set out in the Application Form;

(i) agree that, having had the opportunity to read the Listing Particulars, you shall be deemed to have had notice of all information and representations contained therein;

(j) confirm that in making such application you are not relying on any information or representation other than those contained in the Listing Particulars or in the Mini Prospectus issued in connection with the Offer taken together with the Listing Particulars ("the prospectuses") and you accordingly agree that no person responsible solely or jointly for the prospectuses or any part thereof will have any liability for any such other information or representation;

(k) agree that all applications, acceptances of applications and contracts resulting therefrom under the Offer shall be governed by and construed in accordance with English law and that you submit to the jurisdiction of the English courts and agree that nothing shall limit the right of the Company to bring any action, suit or proceedings arising out of or in connection with any such applications, acceptances and contracts in any other manner permitted by law or in any court of competent jurisdiction;

(l) authorise National Westminster Bank PLC or S G. Warburg Securities or any person authorised by them, as your agent, to do all things necessary to effect registration of any Component Shares comprised within Package Units subscribed by you into your name(s) and authorise any representatives of National Westminster Bank PLC or of S G. Warburg Securities to execute any document required therefor;

(m) confirm that you have reviewed the restrictions contained in paragraph 6 below;

(n) confirm that you have read and complied with paragraph 5 below; and

(o) agree that your application for Package Units will remain valid even if you attempt to renounce or transfer them to a PEP which is subsequently voided or not established.

5. No person receiving a copy of the prospectuses or an Application Form in any territory other than the United Kingdom may treat the same as constituting an invitation or offer to him, nor should he in any event use such Application Form unless, in the relevant territory, such an invitation or offer could lawfully be made to him or such Application Form could lawfully be used without contravention of any registration or other legal requirements. It is the responsibility of any person outside the United Kingdom wishing to make an application hereunder to satisfy himself as to full observance of the laws of any relevant territory in connection therewith, including obtaining any requisite governmental or other consents, observing any other formalities requiring to be observed in such territory and paying any issue, transfer or other taxes required to be paid in such territory.

6. The Package Units, the Shares and the Geared Ordinary Units have not been and will not be registered under the United States Security Act of 1933 and, subject to certain exceptions, may not be offered or sold in the United States. In addition, the Company has not been and will not be registered under the United States Investment Company Act 1940, as amended.

7. The basis of allocation will be determined by the Company. The right is reserved, notwithstanding the basis so determined, to reject in whole or in part and/or scale down any application. The right is reserved to treat as valid any application not in all respects completed in accordance with the Terms and Conditions of Application.

8. Save where the context requires otherwise, terms defined in the Listing Particulars bear the same meaning when used in these Terms and Conditions of Application and in the Application Form.

9. The dates and times referred to in these Terms and Conditions of Application may be altered by the Company so as to be consistent with the Offer for Subscription and Placing Agreement (as the same may be altered from time to time in accordance with its terms).

AVAILABILITY OF LISTING PARTICULARS

Lodging of Application Forms

Application Forms must be posted or delivered to the National Westminster Bank PLC New Issues Department, P.O. Box No. 33, 153/157 Commercial Road, London, E1 2DB or delivered by hand only to National Westminster Bank PLC New Issues Dept., 27 Old Broad Street, London EC2 in order that they arrive not later than 10.00 a.m. on Thursday, 17th October, 1991. Persons posting Application Forms are strongly advised to use first class post and allow at least two clear days for delivery.

Availability of Listing Particulars

Copies of Listing Particulars are available from S.G. Warburg Securities, 1 Finsbury Avenue, London EC2M 2PA, M&G Income Investment Trust P.L.C., Three Quays, Tower Hill, London EC3R 6BQ, M&G Financial Services Limited, M&G House, Victoria Road, Chelmsford, CM1 1FB, National Westminster Bank PLC, New Issues Dept., 27 Old Broad Street, London EC2 and National Westminster Bank PLC, New Issues Dept. P.O. Box 33, 153/157 Commercial Road, London E1 2DB until the offer closes on Thursday 17th October, 1991. Copies of Listing Particulars are also available from 12 regional branches of National Westminster Bank PLC, details of which can be obtained by telephoning M&G on 0245 266266.

Dated 30th August, 1991

APPLICATION FORM

M&G INCOME INVESTMENT TRUST P.L.C.

Applications and cheques must be received by 10.00am on 17th October 1991.

Please send the completed form to
National Westminster Bank PLC, New Issues Department, PO Box 33, 153-157 Commercial Road, LONDON E1 2DB

REGISTRATION DETAILS — **BLOCK CAPITALS PLEASE**

Title: Mr/Mrs/Miss/Ms/Other

Full Forenames

Surname

Permanent Address

Postcode

I/We offer to subscribe for _____ Package Units (see note 1 below) in M&G Income Investment Trust P.L.C. at the price of £1 per Package Unit on the Terms and Conditions of Application set out in the listing particulars dated 30th August 1991.

I/We enclose a cheque or banker's draft made payable to 'National Westminster Bank PLC A/C M&G Offer,' crossed 'Not Negotiable' for £ _____

Signature _____ Date _____ 1991

☐ Pin your cheque or banker's draft here.

For joint applications please complete the following:-

SECOND JOINT HOLDER	THIRD JOINT HOLDER	FOURTH JOINT HOLDER
Title: Mr/Mrs/Miss/Ms/Other	Title: Mr/Mrs/Miss/Ms/Other	Title: Mr/Mrs/Miss/Ms/Other
Full Forenames	Full Forenames	Full Forenames
Surname	Surname	Surname
Permanent Address	Permanent Address	Permanent Address
Postcode	Postcode	Postcode
Signature	Signature	Signature

Note 1: Applications must be for round thousand Package Units ie. 1,000, 2,000, 3,000 etc.

Note 2: You may apply jointly with up to three other persons. Details should be completed for all joint applicants. Documents of title, return cheques and other correspondence will be sent to the first named applicant on the basis of registration details. A joint application cannot be renounced or transferred into a PEP.

(If you have a Financial Adviser, you should consult him before investing).

For office use only.

Professional Adviser if applicable — SIB No:

M&G Ref No:

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M&G INCOME INVESTMENT TRUST P.L.C.

BEFORE 17TH OCT

ACT BEFORE 17TH OCT 1991

The details given below relate only to the opportunity to invest up to £6,000 in Package Units of M&G Income Investment Trust P.L.C. and immediately renounce them into an M&G Personal Equity Plan.

The Mini Prospectus relating to M&G Income Investment Trust P.L.C. does not form part of this advertisement which has neither been approved nor authorised under s.154(1) of the Financial Services Act 1986 by the London Stock Exchange. Investors can choose to apply for the investment trust and transfer into a PEP offered by another manager.

THE M&G FULL £6000 PEP

The M&G Full PEP allows investors who have not yet subscribed to a PEP in this tax year to invest up to £6,000 now.

It is designed for people who are looking for a good long term investment free of all income and capital gains taxes.

You are eligible if you are over 18 and resident in the UK for tax purposes. A husband and wife can each apply.

INVESTMENT OF UP TO £6,000 IN THE M&G PEP BEFORE 17TH OCTOBER

Between 20th September and 17th October 1991 ONLY, investors who have not yet subscribed to a PEP for this tax year have a once-off opportunity to renounce up to £6,000 of M&G Income Investment Trust P.L.C. Package Units into the M&G PEP.

Underlying investment is in M&G Income Investment Trust P.L.C., a new split capital investment trust with a planned life of ten years. The investment objective of the Company will be to achieve above average and growing income as well as capital growth from a portfolio consisting predominately of UK listed ordinary shares.

The Company aims to provide an initial gross dividend yield approximately 40 per cent higher than that of the FT Actuaries All-Share Index as well as a real growth in income over the planned life of the Company. The Company's portfolio will be managed by M&G Investment Management Limited along similar lines to the existing M&G UK income unit trust funds.

Package Units are being offered by the Company at 100p each. Each Package Unit will consist of one Zero Dividend Preference Share, one Income Share and one Capital Share.

Investment in the Package Unit will equate to investing in an ordinary share in a high yielding UK investment trust without a split capital structure. Package Units are designed to offer investors above average and increasing income over the life of the Company in the same way as M&G's UK income unit trust funds have done over the last ten year period. The initial forecast annualised gross yield at the offer price of 100p is 6.55 per cent.

New Investors If you have not already subscribed to a PEP in the 1991/1992 tax year you can put between £1,000 and £6,000 of Package Units into the M&G Full PEP between 20th September and 17th October 1991.

Remember this opportunity closes at 10.00am on 17th October after which date applications will not be accepted.

Please note that investments can only be made in multiples of £1,000.

Existing M&G PEP Holders If you already have an M&G PEP, M&G will be sending you a special form, and you should not complete the PEP application form in this document.

Income Dividends from M&G Income Investment Trust P.L.C. will be paid quarterly. In addition, there will be four tax repayments from the Inland Revenue each year. You can choose either to have all of these paid automatically into your bank account; or to have them reinvested in further Package Units of M&G Income Investment Trust P.L.C., thus enhancing the value of your PEP.

Initial Charge There is no initial charge for the PEP.

The promotional costs payable by M&G Income Investment Trust P.L.C. will range between 6.76% and 5.04% of the price of each Package Unit depending on the size of the Company: the more successful the launch, the smaller the charge.

These costs include a 4.76% fee to M&G Financial Services Limited for promoting the Company out of which it will pay all marketing costs and commissions.

If you choose the reinvestment option there will be a charge of 5% plus VAT deducted from the dividends or tax repayments.

Annual Charge M&G Income Investment Trust P.L.C. pays an annual investment management fee to M&G Investment Management Limited of 0.75% plus VAT and a custodian fee, estimated to be 0.1% plus VAT, to Clydesdale Bank PLC; both calculated on the net assets of the Company.

PEP holders pay an additional annual management charge of 0.25% plus VAT to M&G Financial Services Limited.

How to Apply for the M&G Full PEP Complete the application form headed "M&G Full £6,000 PEP" and send it with your cheque or banker's draft to be received no later than 10.00am on 17th October. 1991 at National Westminster Bank PLC, New Issues Department, PO Box 33, 153-157 Commercial Road, London, E1 2DB. Applications received after that date will be returned.

Cashing in your Plan You can sell all or part of your holding at any time by sending written instructions to us. If we receive your instructions before 11.00am the Package Units will be sold in the market at 2.30pm that day at the market price. Instructions received after 11.00am will be treated as received on the following business day. Reinvestment of these proceeds into another M&G PEP fund is not possible.

Further Information We will write to you confirming your investment in early November. Twice each year we send you the annual and half yearly Reports and Accounts of the Company together with a statement and valuation of your Plan made up to 5th April and 5th October.

Prices of Package Units will be quoted daily in the Financial Times.

The price of shares and Package Units and the income from them can go down as well as up. You may not get back the amount you invested. The value to you of the tax benefits will depend on your own circumstances. The tax regime of PEPs could change in the future.

Your rights as a planholder are defined by the Terms and Conditions of the M&G Personal Equity Plan set out in this document.

The Plan Manager is M&G Financial Services Limited, a member of IMRO, of M&G House, Victoria Road, Chelmsford CM1 1FB. Telephone 0245 266266.

M&G Investment Management Limited is a member of IMRO. M&G Securities Limited, the manager of the unit trusts referred to, is a member of IMRO and LAUTRO.

TERMS & CONDITIONS

1 DEFINITIONS

(1) "Business Day" means a day on which the Managers of an M&G Unit Trust make a price for the purchase and sale of Units.
"Conditions" means these Conditions together with the application form as from time to time amended in accordance with these provisions.
"Crown Employee" means a person holding an office or employment under the Crown which is of a public nature and the emoluments of which are payable out of the public revenue of the United Kingdom or of Northern Ireland.
"IMRO" means the Investment Management Regulatory Organisation Limited.
"Investment" means a holding as a PEP fund including a Unit or a Share in such a Fund as appropriate.
"Investment Trust" means an investment trust within the meaning of section 842 of the Income & Corporation Taxes Act 1988, the investment manager of which is an M&G company.
"M&G Company" means M&G Financial Services Limited and any other company which is a subsidiary or holding company of it or which is a subsidiary of any such holding company for which purpose the expressions "subsidiary" and "holding company" have the same meanings as in section 736 of the Companies Act 1985
"Nominee" means any person designated by the Plan Manager under Condition 12 and who may be an Associate of the Plan Manager
"PEP Fund" means a Unit Trust or an Investment Trust Units or Shares in which shall be nominated by the Plan Manager from time to time to be held as Plans effected under these Conditions.
"Plan" means a Personal Equity Plan effected with the Plan Manager by a Qualifying Individual which is governed by these Conditions.
"Planholder" means an individual who has opened a Plan under these Conditions.
"Plan Manager" means M&G Financial Services Limited.
"Qualifying Individual" means an individual, aged 18 years or over, who has not (except as allowed by the Treasury Regulations) subscribed to any other Personal Equity Plan for the Year or any of the Years for or in respect of which he makes an application to open a Plan under these Conditions, and who is either resident and ordinarily resident in the United Kingdom or, although non-resident in the United Kingdom, performs duties as a Crown Employee which are treated as being performed in the United Kingdom.
"Shares" means a share in an Investment Trust (including a package or group of shares) and any interest in such a share held in accordance with the Treasury Regulations, and "shares" shall be construed accordingly.
"Share Value" means the sum paid or payable in respect of the allotment or allocation of Shares pursuant to a public offer.
"Treasury Regulations" means the regulations for Personal Equity Plans made on 14th March 1989 and any other regulations made from time to time by H.M. Treasury under the provisions of s. 333 and Schedule 29 to the Income and Corporation Taxes Act 1988, and s. 149D of the Capital Gains Tax Act 1979.
"Units" means units in a Unit Trust and any fractions or decimals thereof (to the nearest one hundredth of a Unit above).
"Unit Trust" means a unit trust scheme which is an authorised securities scheme as defined in the Treasury Regulations and in the case of which an order is in force under section 78 of the Financial Services Act 1986, the Manager of which is an M&G Company.
"Year" means a year beginning on 6th April in any year and ending with 5th April in the following year.
(2) References to any statutory provision or to regulations made thereunder include any modification or re-enactment thereof or of the regulations.
(3) References to gender shall be taken to refer to either gender.
(4) Headings are included for the purpose of guidance and are not part of these Conditions.
(5) The application form shall be treated as part of these Conditions and in case of conflict shall have precedence.

2 INTRODUCTION

(1) The Plan Manager is a member of IMRO and as such is regulated by IMRO in the conduct of its Investment Business.
(2) The Plan Manager agrees to act as such in relation to the Plan to which the application form relates.
(3) The Plan Manager will from time to time nominate Units in Unit Trusts and/or Shares in Investment Trusts for the purposes of Plans effected under these Conditions.
(4) The investment objective of the Planholder shall be taken to be to invest in one or more PEP funds as he selects in accordance with these Conditions.

3 APPLICATIONS TO OPEN A PLAN

(1) In order to open a Plan, an individual must be a Qualifying Individual and must submit to the Plan Manager a duly completed application form and must sign the declaration set out on the form. The Applicant must also either submit
(a) a cheque for his initial subscription together with a duly completed direct debit instruction; or
(b) a cheque for an amount not in excess of the subscription limit for the Year in which the application is made; or
or the applicant must sign a form transferring or requesting to the Plan Manager his right to Shares in an Investment Trust which is a PEP fund which Shares have been allotted or allocated to him as a public offer. If the applicant so transfers or renounces he must also submit a cheque for such Initial Charge together with VAT as may be stated in the application form.
(2) The Plan comes into force when the Planholder's application for the Plan has been accepted by the Plan Manager and for this purpose the application will be treated as having been accepted:-
(a) on receipt by the Plan Manager as determined by (3) below of a duly completed application form together with a cheque or a cheque and duly completed direct debit instruction in respect of the cash subscription; or
(b) seven days after actual receipt by the Plan Manager of a duly completed application form and a form of transfer or renunciation duly completed together with a cheque for any Initial Charge plus VAT)
(3) For the purposes of (2)(a) above, the Plan Manager shall be treated as having received the application form together with a cheque in respect of the cash subscription upon the day of actual receipt of such documents if they are received first post or the day following receipt if they are received second post.
(4) Unless the Applicant indicates otherwise in his application form the form will be taken to authorise subscriptions to be made to the Plan for each Year beginning in the Year in which the application is made unless and until either the Planholder or the Plan Manager notifies the other in writing to the contrary. The Plan will be governed by these Conditions, as varied in accordance with Condition 17 below.

4 PLANS EFFECTED BEFORE 1st JUNE 1989

(1) This Condition applies to any Plan opened or derived from any Plan or Plans opened on or before 31st May 1989, which Plan or Plans are treated as a single Plan with effect from 1st June 1989.
(2) These Conditions apply to any such Plan as if the Planholder in his application form had authorised the Plan Manager to open a new Plan automatically each Year.

5 SUBSCRIPTIONS

(1) Except as permitted by law a Planholder may contribute to only one Personal Equity Plan each Year.
(2) Total cash subscriptions to the Plan during a Year when added to the Share Value of any Shares transferred or allocated to the Plan in that Year may not exceed the annual subscription limit.
(3) A Planholder can subscribe to a Plan either by paying an amount of cash to the Plan Manager or by transferring or renouncing to the Plan Manager his right to Shares in an Investment Trust which is a PEP fund which shares have been allocated or allotted to him as a public offer.
(4) Where the Planholder has only subscribed to the Plan by transferring or renouncing to the Plan Manager Shares in an Investment Trust the Planholder may by agreement with the Plan Manager make cash subscriptions to the Plan whether in that Year or in future Years.
(5) If at any time a Planholder ceases to be a Qualifying Individual he shall not thereafter make any subscriptions to a Plan.

6 CASH SUBSCRIPTIONS

(1) The Plan Manager will apply cash subscriptions made by the Planholder in purchasing Units in one or more Unit Trusts which are PEP Funds in accordance with the Planholder's selection or his application form or the agreement reached under Condition 5(4) above.
(2) The Planholder may by written notice to the Plan Manager direct that future cash subscriptions to the Plan shall be applied by the Plan Manager in purchasing Units in another Unit Trust or other Unit Trusts which are PEP Funds and which the Planholder shall select in accordance with the procedure.
(3) The Planholder may by written notice to the Plan Manager and in accordance with the procedure direct that Units held in the Plan shall be sold and the proceeds of sale applied in purchasing Units in another Unit Trust or other Unit Trusts which are PEP Funds.

7 THE PLAN

(1) The Plan includes the Planholder's investments in PEP Funds together with any cash balances and all income and other rights and the benefit of any tax relief in respect of the investments and any interest arising on the deposit of cash balances in the Fund.
(2) All cash received in the Plan including subscriptions, income, tax repayments and the proceeds of sale of investments will be credited to a sterling client account maintained by the Plan Manager with an authorised institution within the meaning of the Banking Act 1987 and held by or to the order of the Plan Manager within ten days of being received in accordance with these Conditions.

8 INVESTMENT

(1) Subject to (2) below all income, distributions and tax repayments attributable to an investment in a PEP Fund will be applied in purchasing further Units or (subject to the payment of the Initial Charge plus VAT as provided in Condition 22) in purchasing or subscribing for further Shares in that investment but any cash balance arising on the purchase of further Shares in a PEP Fund shall be carried forward and added to future income distributions or tax repayments in respect of that Fund.
(2) Income being dividends received in respect of Shares will be applied first in the payment of the Plan Manager's annual fee calculated in accordance with Condition 22 below.
(3) All purchases and sales of Units will be made by the Plan Manager at the offer price or bid price of the particular Unit Trust next calculated after receipt of written purchase or sale instructions or an income payment or a tax repayment by the Plan as appropriate.
(4) The Plan Manager acting as principal may purchase interests in shares in an investment trust from or sell such interests to a Plan.

9 VOID PLANS

These Conditions shall continue to be enforceable between the Plan Manager and the Planholder unless and until the Inland Revenue treat the Plan as void under the Treasury Regulations at which time the Plan will terminate automatically.

10 TAX REPAYMENTS

(1) In accordance with the Treasury Regulations, the Plan Manager will make all necessary claims for tax relief relating to investments in PEP Funds and rights and cash balances which are held in the Plan.

11 BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

(1) The Planholder will at all times be the beneficial owner of the investments and all any rights and cash balances from time to time held in the Plan.
(2) Without prejudice to the generality of (1) above, the Planholder will not dispose of or transfer any interest in such investments or any such rights or cash balances, and will not create (or have outstanding) any charge or security on or over any such investments or any such rights or cash balances.

12 REGISTRATION OF INVESTMENTS

(1) Investments will be registered in the name of the Plan Manager or of the Plan Manager or its delegates, in the name of a Nominee.
(2) Subject to the Treasury Regulations, the Planholder hereby authorises the Plan Manager to issue all such directions and instructions to any Nominee as the Plan Manager considers appropriate for the discharge of the Plan Manager's responsibilities under these Conditions and accepts that the Plan Manager will not be responsible for the defaults of the Nominee.
(3) All documents of or evidencing title in respect of investments and any cash and other rights will be held by or to the order of the Plan Manager.
(4) Investments and rights may not be lent to any third party and no borrowing may be made against the security of any investments.

13 REPORT AND ACCOUNTS

The Plan Manager will arrange for the Planholder to be sent
(a) in the case of investments which are Units in a Unit Trust the annual accounts of the Unit Trust together with the reports issued by its Manager, and
(b) in the case of investments which are Shares the annual report and accounts of the Investment Trust.

14 VOTING RIGHTS AND ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

(1) The Plan Manager will in its absolute discretion exercise, or refrain from exercising, any voting rights attaching to Shares, unless and until the Planholder has elected to exercise such rights himself under (2) below.
(2) The Planholder may either on the space provided in the application form or on giving one month's prior written notice to the Plan Manager elect as respects investments which become held in the Plan
(a) to attend meetings of unitholders and shareholders,
(b) to exercise voting rights; and
(c) to receive additional information issued to unitholders and shareholders
until the election is withdrawn by written notice given by the Planholder to the Plan Manager.

15 SUPERVISORY

(1) The Period of Account for the purposes of this Condition will be the six months ending on 5th October and 5th April in every Year, and for each such period in which it is required to do so by the rules of IMRO the Plan Manager will send to the Planholder a Plan Statement prepared by reference to the last day in that period. The first Period of Account shall commence when the Plan comes into force and will end on the commencement of the next complete Period of Account.
(2) The Plan Statement will include all the information which the Plan Manager is required to give by the Treasury Regulations and the rules of IMRO.
(3) In relation to the purchase or disposal of investments, the Plan Statement will include all the information which the Plan Manager would have had to include in contract notes under the IMRO Rules had contract notes been sent to the Planholder under the IMRO Rules.
(4) The Plan Manager will, if the Planholder requests it to do so give sight of, and supply to a Planholder copies of all entries in its books relating to the Plan.

16 INFORMATION FOR PLAN MANAGER

(1) The Planholder will supply the Plan Manager with all information which the Plan Manager reasonably requests for the purposes of the Plan, and in particular will promptly inform the Plan Manager of any change in his home address.
(2) The Planholder will immediately inform the Plan Manager in writing if he ceases to be resident and ordinarily resident in the United Kingdom, or if, whilst non-resident, he ceases to perform duties as a Crown Employee.

17 VARIATIONS AND AMENDMENTS

The Plan Manager may at any time and from time to time by written notice to the Planholder make such changes to and to these Conditions as it shall determine provided that no such change shall be made which results in the Plan ceasing to qualify under the Treasury Regulations, and the Plan Manager will give reasonable notice of such changes to Planholders as circumstances warrant.

18 GOVERNING LAW

These Conditions and the relationship between the Plan Manager and the Planholder shall be governed by English law.

19 INDEMNITY

The Planholder agrees for himself and his personal representatives to indemnify the Plan Manager and the Nominee and at all times to keep the Plan Manager and the Nominee indemnified in respect of all liabilities, taxes costs, charges and expenses incurred by the Plan Manager and the Nominee (except when caused by their own negligence) in connection with the establishment administration and termination of the Plan and any investments deposit or holding of Shares under the Plan.

20 TERMINATION, WITHDRAWALS AND OTHER MATTERS

(1) The Plan may be terminated with immediate effect by the Plan Manager giving written notice of termination to the Planholder if it becomes impractical to comply with the Treasury Regulations and the Plan will terminate automatically in accordance with Condition 9 above.
(2) A Planholder may at any time by written request to the Plan Manager and without prejudice to (1) above direct the Plan Manager
(a) to pay or transfer to him all or any of the investments comprised in the Plan (or at the option of the Planholder the proceeds of sale thereof) and the whole or part of any cash balance and any other rights held in the Plan or
(b) within such time as shall be agreed between the Planholder and the Plan Manager to transfer the Plan (or at the option of the Planholder the proceeds of sale of the investments comprised in the Plan together with any cash balance and any other rights held in the Plan) to another plan manager who holds the conditions as the Treasury Regulations is approved by the Board of Inland Revenue to act as a plan manager and agrees to accept the transfer.
(3) Subject to (2) above, termination shall take place immediately but without prejudice to the completion of transactions already initiated.
(4) The Plan Manager will give reasonable written notice to the Planholder of his intention to cease to act as a Plan Manager stating when he will cease to act so that the Planholder can give a direction under (2) above if after the Plan Manager gives the Planholder notice under this Condition the Planholder fails to give the Plan Manager a direction under Condition (2) above before the Plan Manager ceases to act as such the Plan will also terminate and the Plan Manager will transfer to the Planholder all investments rights and cash held in the Plan.
(5) Where the Plan terminates pursuant to (1) above or any such direction is given as is mentioned in (2)(a) above and, unless the Planholder specifies otherwise and within such time as the Plan Manager specifies, the Plan Manager will sell or realise the investments (or in a case to which (2)(a) of this Condition applies, the investments in respect of which the direction has been given) and will pay or transfer the proceeds of sale and any cash balance and any other rights, as appropriate, to the Planholder.
(6) Where the Plan is transferred pursuant to a direction given under 2(b) of this Condition, the Plan Manager will transfer the investments held in the Plan (or the proceeds of sale of such investments if the Planholder has so directed) and will pay or transfer any cash balance and all other rights directly to the new plan manager.
(7) Notwithstanding (1) and (2) above, the Plan Manager may deduct from the amount of any payment or transfer
(a) any sums due to the Plan Manager pursuant to these Conditions; and
(b) except where the Plan is being transferred to another plan manager a sum determined by the Plan Manager to represent the tax liabilities of the Planholder or those of his personal representatives in connection with the Plan for which the Plan Manager is or may be accountable under the Treasury Regulations.
(8) Where investments in a Plan are to be transferred in accordance with these Conditions and such investments include fractions of Units or interests in Shares such fractions or interests shall be sold and the proceeds of sale transferred to the Planholder the Planholder's personal representatives or the new plan manager as appropriate.
(9) Notwithstanding that a Plan has been terminated or whole or in part or that a direction has been given to transfer the Plan to another plan manager, these Conditions shall apply until all outstanding transactions and liabilities have been performed and discharged.

21 DEATH

(1) The Plan shall terminate automatically on the Planholder's death.
(2) Notwithstanding (1) above and subject to (3) below the indemnity of the Plan Manager and the Nominee (if any) will not be affected by the death of the Planholder and accordingly these Conditions shall be binding on the Planholder's personal representatives.
(3) Subject to such formalities as the Plan Manager may specify it shall pay or transfer the investments comprised in the Plan (or at the option of the Planholder's personal representatives the proceeds of sale thereof) and any cash balance or other rights up to the order of the Planholder's personal representatives.
(4) Condition 20(5) and (7) shall apply to any payment made under (3) above.

22 FEES

(1) To the extent that the investments in the Plan are Units (2) to (4) below apply and to the extent that such investments are Shares, (5) to (7) below apply.
(2) The Manager (which is an associate of the Plan Manager for the purposes of the IMRO Rules) of Unit Trusts in which the Plan invests subscriptions will receive the initial charge included in the offer price of Units acquired for the Plan, together with the annual management fees of Unit Trusts and any other expenses and charges which are properly paid to the Manager of the Unit Trusts out of the property of the Unit Trusts.
(3) The Manager of the Unit Trusts referred to in (2) above will at the appropriate times pay the Plan Manager sums equivalent to such proportion of the initial charge and annual management fee as is attributable to the Units held in the Plan.
(4) The Plan Manager will out of such sums make any payments to M&G Investment Management Limited (which is an associate of the Plan Manager for the purposes of the IMRO Rules) in respect of investment management relating to Units held in the Plan which would otherwise have been paid by the Manager of the Unit Trusts.
(5) The Plan Manager will make an Initial Charge of 5% plus VAT of the Share Value or the cost of purchase or subscription as appropriate of Shares when become investments held in the Plan. The amount will be due and payable to the Plan Manager on acceptance by the Plan Manager of the Planholder's application or in the case of an existing Planholder contemporaneously with the transfer or renunciation of Shares to the Plan Manager or purchase of or subscription for further Shares as provided in Condition 3(1) and Condition 8(1) respectively. The Plan Manager may at its discretion rebate all or part of this charge or waive it in any particular circumstances.
(6) The Plan Manager will also be entitled to make an annual charge amounting to one quarter per cent per annum (plus VAT) in respect of investments held in a Plan which are Shares. The charge will
(a) be due in advance in twelve equal instalments on the first Business Day of every month.
(b) be calculated on the mid-market value of the Shares as quoted by any market maker at 2.30 p.m. on the days mentioned in (a), and
(c) be payable quarterly in arrear on such dates in each year as the Plan Manager shall in its absolute discretion determine or in respect of Shares which are sold then the annual charge will be payable for an apportioned part of the period on the date upon which such Shares are sold.
The Plan Manager will exercise its discretion under (c) above so as to attempt to ensure that the annual charge is deducted out of cash held in the Plan and in particular any sums received pursuant to interest and dividends paid in respect of Shares held in the Plan. To the extent that payment cannot be so made out of cash the Plan Manager may at its discretion sell Shares held in a Plan and apply the proceeds of sale in payment of the annual charge.
(7) The investment manager (which is an associate of the Plan Manager for the purposes of the IMRO Rules) of investment Trusts in which the Plan invests or the Investment Trust as appropriate may pay to the Plan Manager sums equivalent to such charges fees and expenses incurred by the Plan Manager in respect of such administrative marketing and other services (including the function of Registrar) as it may perform in respect of the Investment Trust and any public offer in relation thereto.

23 TREASURY REGULATIONS

The Plan Manager will notify the Planholder if by reason of any failure to satisfy the provisions of the Treasury Regulations the Plan has or will become void.

24 NOTICES OR REQUESTS

Notices or requests made by the Planholder to the Plan Manager shall be in writing and will be acknowledged by the Plan Manager either verbally or in writing.

25 COMPLAINTS

The Plan Manager operates a written complaints procedure in accordance with the IMRO rules. The Planholder may address a complaint to the Plan Manager or to IMRO.

26 COMPENSATION

In the event that the Plan Manager is not able to meet its financial liabilities to the Planholder the Planholder will be entitled to compensation under the Investors' Compensation Scheme established under the Financial Services Act 1986.

27 PAYMENTS OF INCOME

(1) The Planholder may by written notice to the Plan Manager opt to receive the dividends paid on Shares (together with any tax credit repayments) if the Planholder exercises this option, the Plan Manager will make payments to him shortly after the Plan Manager receives the dividend or tax credit repayment in accordance with the Planholder's mandate (whether any annual charge payable in accordance with Condition 22 above shall be deducted from any payments to the Planholder pursuant to this Condition.
(2) If the notice is received at any time when a dividend has been declared on the Shares but not paid, it will take effect immediately after payment of that dividend and if it is received in the two weeks following the receipt of the notice the notice will not apply to it.
(3) The notice may be withdrawn at the option of the Planholder but the withdrawal must be in writing and if it is received when a dividend has been declared on the Shares, but not paid, it will take effect immediately after payment of that dividend and if a tax repayment is received in the two weeks following the receipt of the notice the notice will not apply to it.

28 PAYMENTS REPRESENTING INCOME

(1) This condition allows Planholders to elect to receive regular payments from their Plan which represent income attributable to the Units held in it. In order to make an election a Planholder must complete the form provided for the purpose by the Plan Manager and he may at any time withdraw the election by written notice to the Plan Manager.
(2) The Planholder may make an election in respect of one or more Unit Trusts Units in which are held in the Plan. No election may however be made in respect of any Unit Trust unless £2,400 or more of the Planholder's contributions to the Plan have been invested in that Unit Trust.
(3) "Base Date" means the business day immediately preceding the day on which pieces of income units in a Unit Trust subject to a valid election by the Planholder are first quoted "ex distribution". Units acquired since the previous Base Date shall be assumed to have been held thereon.
"Proposed Payment" means an amount equal to the gross of tax equivalent of the distribution on an income unit or the relevant Unit Trust received on the related Base Date multiplied if Units in Accumulation Units by the factor governing the conversion of Accumulation Units to income Units of that Unit Trust on that Base Date which sum shall in turn be multiplied by the number of Units in that Unit Trust held in the Plan on that Base Date.
"Withdrawal Date" means the 15th day (or where such is not a Business Date then the next following Business Date) of the month in which an Income Allocation Date of a Unit Trust when the valid election by the Planholder took effect.
(4) Subject to (5) below the Proposed Payment will be made to the Planholder shortly after the relevant Withdrawal Date in accordance with the Planholder's mandate instructions.
(5) (a) On each Withdrawal Date the Plan Manager will sell so many of the Units in the relevant Unit Trust as will produce to it proceeds of sale equal to the Proposed Payment less any sums credited to the client account mentioned in Condition 7(2) but not yet applied as mentioned in that Condition.
(b) No sale or payment will be made of the Units made on or after the Base Date immediately preceding the Withdrawal Date.
(c) The Plan Manager may give written notice to the Planholder that no sale or payment will be made under this Condition with effect from the date stated in the notice if the Proposed Payment would be less than £10 or such other sum as may be specified in the notice.
(6) The proceeds of sale of Units will be credited to the client account mentioned in Condition 7(2).
(7) An election made under this Condition is not effective to the Plan Manager as described in Condition 28(1) but nevertheless the Plan Manager may deduct from any payment made under this Condition the sums mentioned in Condition 20(7) and Condition 20(9) shall apply for the purposes of this Condition.

NOTES RELEVANT TO THE COMPLETION OF THE M&G FULL £6,000 PEP APPLICATION FORM

Only use this form if you do not have an M&G PEP. If you require a form to subscribe to your existing M&G PEP please contact M&G's Chelmsford office.

1. Applications and renunciations must be for round thousand Package Units with a maximum of 6,000 package units ie. 1000, 2000, 3000, 4000, 5000 or 6000.
2. You can of course apply for further Package Units, to be held as a direct investment in M&G Income Investment Trust P.L.C., using the *application form enclosed.*
3. The Terms and Conditions of Application set out in the listing particulars dated 30th August 1991 are varied and supplemented as follows:-
   a) You authorise National Westminster Bank PLC and M&G Financial Services Limited to take all steps and execute all such documents on your behalf as may be necessary in connection with your renunciation of Package Units.
   b) You authorise National Westminster Bank PLC to send a document of title for the number of Package Units for which your application is accepted to M&G Financial Services Limited and procure that M&G Financial Services Limited is placed on the register of members of the Company in respect of such Package Units.
4. National Insurance Number (NINO). If you are a married woman you should supply your own NINO and, if you know them, your own tax district and reference number. You should NOT supply those of your husband.
5. A tax year runs from 6th April to 5th April of the following year. For example a plan opened during the period 6th April 1991 to 5th April 1992 would be for the tax year ending 5th April 1992.
   The application form is designed to allow you to contribute to your M&G PEP tax year after tax year without having to complete a new application form.
6. Applications and cheques or banker's draft must be received by 10.00 a.m. on 17th October 1991 at National Westminster Bank PLC, New Issues Department, P.O. Box 33, 153-157 Commercial Road, London E1 2DB. Applications received after that date will be returned.
7. **Cheques or banker's draft must be made payable to 'National Westminster Bank PLC A/C M&G Offer,' crossed 'Not Negotiable.'**

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APPLICATION FORM

THE M&G FULL £6000 PEP

The application for Package Units contained in this form cannot be withdrawn. The application for a PEP contained in this form may be withdrawn by returning the accompanying withdrawal slip to the Plan Manager at any time up to 5pm on 24th October 1991.

This application form is an application form for both the Offer for Subscription and the M&G PEP. Persons wishing to participate in the Offer for Subscription alone should do so using the application form for the investment trust accompanying this form or the application form for the investment trust contained in the mini prospectus. This form has been neither approved nor authorised under s.154(1)(b) of the Financial Services Act 1986 by the London Stock Exchange. Investors can choose to apply for the investment trust and transfer into another PEP but not using this form.

Please send the completed form to
National Westminster Bank PLC, New Issues Department, PO Box 33, 153-157 Commercial Road, LONDON E1 2DB
who so far as this is an application for a PEP will hold this form on your behalf until 10am on 17th October 1991 when it will pass it over to the Plan Manager.

Tax District (if known) _____

Reference No. (if known) _____

REGISTRATION DETAILS — BLOCK CAPITALS PLEASE

Title Mr/Mrs/Miss/Ms/Other

Full Forenames

Surname

Permanent Address

Postcode

Daytime Telephone No:

If you wish to attend and vote at shareholders' meetings and to receive additional information issued to shareholders, please indicate "Y" in this box. ☐

If you wish to be able to contribute to your Plan in future tax years, please indicate "Y" in this box (see note 5 above). ☐

Your dividends and tax credits will be reinvested automatically in your Plan unless you indicate "N" in this box. (If you indicate "N" these will be paid directly to your nominated bank account.) ☐

I declare that:

(a) I am aged 18 years or over.
(b) I am resident and ordinarily resident in the UK for tax purposes or, though non-resident, perform duties which by virtue of Section 132(4)(a) of the Taxes Act (Crown Employees serving overseas) are treated as being performed in the United Kingdom.
(c) I have not subscribed to any other Personal Equity Plan in or for the current tax year nor for any future tax year.
(d) I will not subscribe to any other Personal Equity Plan for any tax year for which I subscribe or shall subscribe to this Plan.
(e) I will inform M&G Financial Services Limited promptly of any change in my circumstances which affects any of this information.

I hereby authorise M&G Financial Services Limited:

(a) to hold my cash subscriptions and the Plan investments, distributions, dividends, interest, cash and any other rights or proceeds received in respect of them in the Personal Equity Plan,
(b) to make all appropriate claims for tax relief in respect of plan investments on my behalf;
(c) on my written request to transfer or pay to me any Plan investment, interest, cash, distributions, dividends, rights or other proceeds in respect of such investments held in the Plan.

I agree that the Personal Equity Plan opened by the Plan Manager pursuant to this Application will be governed by the Terms and Conditions set out in this advertisement.

I hereby declare that to the best of my knowledge and belief the above information is true and correct.

Signature _____ Date _____ 1991

To M&G Income Investment Trust P.L.C.

I offer to subscribe for _____ Package Units (see note 1 above) in M&G Income Investment Trust P.L.C. at the price of £1 per Package Unit on the Terms and Conditions of Application set out in the listing particulars dated 30th August 1991 (as such Terms and Conditions are varied and supplemented by the terms of this application form, and in particular note 3 above).

I hereby renounce all the Package Units to M&G Financial Services Limited to hold in the PEP opened by virtue of this application.

To M&G Financial Services Limited

I wish to open an M&G Personal Equity Plan for the tax year ending 5 April 1992.

I enclose my cheque or banker's draft made payable to 'National Westminster Bank PLC A/C M&G Offer,' crossed 'Not Negotiable.'

for £ _____

IMPORTANT: Your M&G Personal Equity Plan application and renunciation cannot be accepted without your National Insurance Number OR National Pension Number (see note 4 above).

National Insurance No. _____

OR National Pension No. _____

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Only return this form if you wish to withdraw your application for an M&G PEP. This must be received before 5pm on 24th October 1991.

I wish to withdraw my application for an M&G Personal Equity Plan.

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Title Mr/Mrs/Miss/Ms/Other

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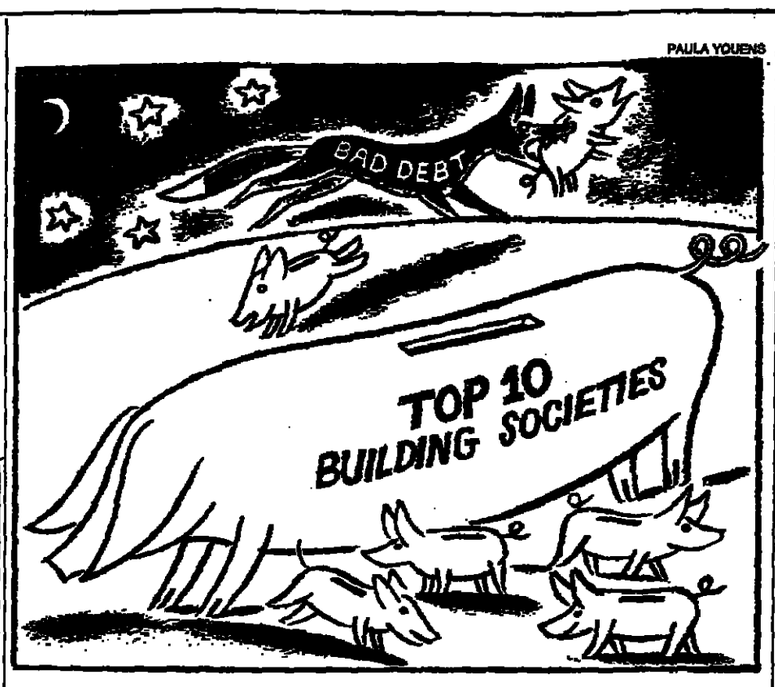
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Top ten societies put on alert to prop up industry

By LINDSAY COOK, MONEY EDITOR

AS SMALLER building societies begin to look ahead to their likely year-end figures, the top ten societies have been put on standby by the Building Societies Association (BSA) to offer financial support.

The BSA is anxious that investors do not lose confidence in smaller societies after two disastrous years in the property market. Increasing provisions for bad debt are likely to wipe out profits earned by some societies. They may, as a result, feel the need for standby funding from a larger society, which may end with the two societies merging.

Weekend Money reported last month that up to ten mergers could be announced by the end of the year. Analysts put the figure even higher.

The large societies and the BSA are anxious to protect the reputation of the industry. There has been a long-standing arrangement that any society facing difficulty should get in touch with the association so that it can be bolstered by a larger partner.

Previously, only the top five societies have been contacted by the BSA but this time, in a letter headed "Assistance to Societies in Difficulty", it has extended its request for standby funding to the top ten.

Last month, when there was a run on the Southdown Building Society, based in Lewes, East Sussex, the Woolwich, the third largest, offered standby funding to reassure investors in the 46-branch society. In a week about £35 million was withdrawn, out of total assets of £800 million.

Martin Batt, general manager, marketing, at the Southdown, said this week that the standby funding had not been called upon. Confidence had been restored and business was back to normal.

The BSA said it wanted to make sure that the executives of the top societies had the authority to provide such funding immediately – without having to consult the board – if the need arose.

Increasing arrears and repossessions during 1991 could mean that some societies will have to report losses. When the Leamington Spa faced this prospect earlier in the year, it was prodded towards a merger with the larger Bradford & Bingley.

The Building Societies Commission, the industry regulator, was happier to see the Leamington's £3 million losses announced after the details of the merger had been decided.

Societies who have previously disguised arrears by adding them to the original loan and then counting the mortgage as if it was up to date have been discouraged from continuing this practice by the commission.

The Halifax, the largest, has a better arrears and repossessions record than average societies. It reported last week that in the first half of the year it made provisions of £123 million for bad debts.

Large societies have been competing fiercely on savers' rates this year and have undercut smaller societies with their discounts for first-time buyers and larger loans, putting pressure on the profits of smaller societies who cannot compete for business. In the past, they have been able to offer higher savers' rates because they could charge more for riskier deferred-interest and non-status loans.

It is in the interests of the larger societies to reassure the investing public, although in private meetings some chief executives resent the idea of rescuing small societies that have taken risks.

Societies would prefer to arrange standby funding and possible mergers than for the compensation scheme to be activated. In the unlikely event of the failure of a society, the scheme would pay out up to £18,000 per individual investor. Unlike the banking scheme, it has never been called upon. When in the past societies have been in difficulties, such as the New Cross or the Peckham, they have been rescued.

The BSA said: "We are being prepared for the worst possible scenario. Nobody thinks it will come to that."

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Fimbra studies offshore link with illegal firm

By TONY HETHERINGTON

LINKS between a London firm of financial advisers and an illegal offshore investment business, operated by a former tax inspector who was jailed for firearm offences, are being investigated by the Financial Intermediaries and Brokers Regulatory Association (Fimbra).

Royal Provident & Pensions, the offshore business, was closed down recently by the authorities in Cyprus after it, and Fintax, an associated firm, were found to have been operating unlawfully there.

Both had been allowed to set up on the island in 1988 under strict conditions. Royal Provident was told that it could only invest the funds of its shareholders, and must not solicit funds from the public. Fintax, which described itself as a firm of stockbrokers, was told that it must not open an administrative office on Cyprus.

Nevertheless, Royal Provident issued an expensively produced brochure, which it circulated to potential clients around the world inviting investment in its own residential property bond, based on London property.

Fintax, which was supposed only to operate outside Cyprus, began issuing investment advice from an office block in Nicosia. Its advice was to invest in the residential property bond.

Both firms shared the same Nicosia address, telephone, and fax numbers. The sole director of Royal Provident, David Davies, was also a director of Fintax, whose only other director was Nigel Wilson, an adviser based in London.

As well as its base in Nicosia, Royal Provident also used a London address at 197 Knightsbridge, although it had no authority to act as an investment company in Britain. Similarly, Fintax used a London address, in Richmond, without being authorised.

Late last year the Cyprus authorities discovered that Royal Provident had breached its undertaking after complaints from investors.

One, Melanie Richards, told officials she placed £8,000 in the residential property bond in 1989 on the advice of a man claiming to be a Fintax salesman. After placing her investment she could not get a valuation from Royal Provident.

Nigel Wilson, of Fintax, has since attempted to distance himself from Royal Provident. He said: "I was not involved in marketing the Royal Provident bond. The only connection was that David Davies was involved in both companies." Nevertheless, Mr Wilson's signature appears at the foot of letters to investors.

Mr Wilson's reluctance to admit he was involved in unauthorised activity is not surprising. He runs European Financial Advisors, a London investment firm and Fimbra member.

Another reason for Mr Wilson's embarrassment may be the disclosure of his business ties with David Davies, which go back to at least 1986.

Mr Davies, now believed to be in Luxembourg, is a one-time tax inspector who qualified as a chartered accountant. In 1984, he was sentenced at the Old Bailey to two years in prison for assaulting a woman and illegally possessing firearms.

As a result of the intervention of the Cyprus authorities, some investors, including Ms Richards, have received a refund of their investment, though with no interest or compensation.

CGT ALLOWANCE: AUGUST 91

The indexed rise for calculating the indexation allowance on assets disposed of in August 1991.

Month purchased	1982	1983	1984	1985	1986
January	—	0.623	0.544	0.470	0.393
February	—	0.616	0.538	0.459	0.388
March	0.688	0.613	0.533	0.445	0.386
April	0.655	0.591	0.513	0.415	0.373
May	0.643	0.584	0.507	0.408	0.371
June	0.638	0.581	0.503	0.405	0.371
July	0.638	0.572	0.505	0.408	0.375
August	0.637	0.565	0.491	0.404	0.371
September	0.638	0.558	0.488	0.405	0.364
October	0.630	0.553	0.479	0.403	0.362
November	0.622	0.547	0.474	0.398	0.351
Dececember	0.625	0.543	0.476	0.396	0.346
	1987	1988	1989	1990	1991
January	0.341	0.298	0.208	0.122	0.030
February	0.336	0.293	0.199	0.116	0.024
March	0.333	0.288	0.194	0.105	0.021
April	0.317	0.267	0.173	0.072	0.008
May	0.316	0.263	0.166	0.063	0.004
June	0.316	0.258	0.162	0.058	Nil
July	0.317	0.257	0.161	0.058	0.002
August	0.313	0.243	0.158	0.047	—
September	0.310	0.237	0.150	0.037	—
October	0.303	0.225	0.141	0.029	—
November	0.297	0.219	0.132	0.032	—
Dececember	0.298	0.216	0.129	0.032	—

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Pep income that pays health plan premiums

By SARA MCCONNELL

A SCHEME that pays private medical insurance premiums out of the tax-free income of a personal equity plan (Pep) was launched by Private Patients Plan this week.

PPP, the second largest medical insurer, offers members paying through the Principal Healthcare Pep scheme a 20 per cent discount on premiums.

The Pep will be managed by Principal Investment Management, the investment subsidiary of PPP, which will transfer income automatically from the plan every year to pay the medical insurance premium. The income from the Pep is intended to cover the cost of premiums.

The level of income is not guaranteed, however, and the value of the capital could be eroded if there is a stock market slump or the investment managers make the wrong decision on share selection.

The money will be put into the Principal High Income Plan, which invests mainly in blue-chip high-yield shares. Up to 50 per cent of the money will be put into investment trust company shares.

If there is not sufficient income to cover the cost of the premiums, capital will be taken from the Pep, unless policyholders choose to top up the income independently of the plan.

Anne Gilbert, Principal Investment Management's managing director, said: "Payments are not guaranteed. Our objective is to achieve a high level of income and some capital growth. We are aiming for a yield of up to 9 per cent with some capital appreciation and are looking for shares with a growing stream of dividends."

JOHN MANNING



'Payment not guaranteed': Anne Gilbert of Principal Investment Management

The minimum investment in the scheme is £6,000 a year. PPP said, however, that people wanting cover for more than one adult or a whole family should start more than one Pep so that they can generate enough income.

The scheme's brochure also says: "In future years, it is recommended that you start additional Peps in order to increase the capital sum available for generating the required income to meet your rising private medical insurance subscriptions."

A couple, aged 59, would normally pay £884.40 each, or £1,768.80 for both, for a year's medical cover, offering a full refund in a London or provincial teaching hospital. The plan's discount would bring this down to £713.50 each, or £1,427 for both.

PPP said a basic rate taxpayer would have to earn £2,385 before tax to fund the full subscription, while a higher rate taxpayer would have to earn £2,948.

The saving, with a discount and paid out of tax-free income, would be £931 for basic rate taxpayer and £1,520 for a higher rate taxpayer, said PPP.

An £88.12 annual management fee on the Pep brings the saving for a basic rate taxpayer down to £843, a reduction of 36 per cent. Higher rate taxpayers save £1,433 after charges, a saving of 49 per cent.

The Pep has a 5 per cent initial charge, which is paid on top of the Pep investment as well as the 1.25 per cent annual charge.

Ms Gilbert said she did not see charges "impinging significantly on the income flow of the plan."

Banks 'must pay heed to needs of blind'

By LINDSAY COOK, MONEY EDITOR

MANY visually disabled bank and building society customers could be excluded from easy access to their accounts by technological developments, says a report published this week by the British Bankers' Association and the Royal National Institute for the Blind.

The report, *A Vision of Financial Services*, says there are about 2 million visually disabled people in the European Community. Of these less than 10 per cent can read braille. The report points out it is in the interests of financial institutions to pay heed to their needs.

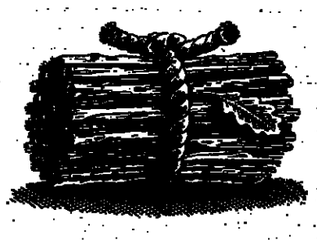
Sir Jeremy Morse, chairman of Lloyds Bank, said it was essential that financial companies did more than produce a few large print or braille brochures for visually disabled customers. The bank pioneered braille statements 15 years ago.

Lloyds offers visually disabled customers braille or large print statements with special binders to file them in and also provides chequebook and envelope templates. National Westminster can correspond in braille, produces large print chequebooks and has an audio cassette on how to use the bank's cash machines, which bleep to tell customers when they need to respond. The bank's annual report has a braille and an audio cassette version. There are no extra charges for these services.

TSB has a telephone banking service that uses a tone pad to access information about the account or undertake transactions. It also offers braille statements for personal account customers and large print statements.

Barclays Bank produces large print and braille statements for current, deposit, loan accounts and Barclaycard. Abbey National offers templates and has a taped version of its annual report. Both Royal Bank of Scotland and the Bank of Scotland already offer this service, plus templates for chequebooks.

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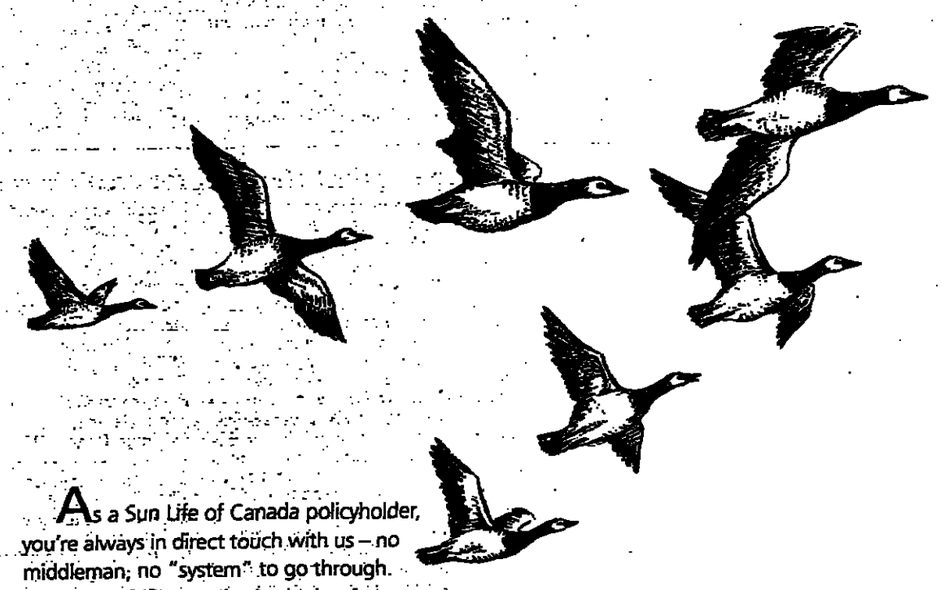
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1	+5	+2	+6	+4	+3		
2	+8	+6	+4	+7	+8		
3	+7	+5	+5	+4	+6		
4	+6	+2	+5	+4	+3		
5	+7	+5	+4	+4	+6		
6	+7	+5	+4	+6	+9		
7	+6	+1	+8	+8	+4		
8	+7	+2	+4	+5	+4		
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However, when for the third time the system appeared to have failed, I pressed for an explanation. I was advised that, as I had still a number of cheques outstanding from books supplied over a considerable period of time, the computer was waiting for these to be used before triggering the supply of a new book. These cheques were ones which for one reason or another I had destroyed and for which the computer would wait in vain. The bank have made a fresh start on my account, but I am afraid the computer has started counting.
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From Mr Douglas Lowndes
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Well matured

From I. B. MacNeill
Sir, A few weeks ago you published a letter from a reader detailing his problems with a building society over a matured policy. I would like to add my experiences at the hands of Nationwide Anglia.

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To date I have received nothing and indeed I continue to be charged interest on the £5,437, this in spite of three letters direct to Mr Melville-Ross, the chief executive of Nationwide Anglia, to only one of which I have so far had the courtesy of a reply, which have produced not one word of explanation.

One can only speculate as to the reaction of this society if I, or indeed anyone else, were as dilatory in making payments to them, but I am unable to understand why a private company should appear so utterly indifferent to the legitimate demands of a customer.

It seems a pity the citizen's charter only applies to government offices, as all I seem to be able to do is repeat Punch's "advice to those about to marry" to anyone considering doing business with Nationwide Anglia — "don't".
Yours faithfully,
I. B. MACNEILL,
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Plea for more information from lenders

From Mr John Atwood
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Plastic surcharge swells the profits

From J. C. Waterfield
Sir, Since you were so good as to publish my last letter to you some months ago which raised the question of a price differential between cash or cheque payment and credit card transactions I am pleased to report that after the imposition of a 5 per cent surcharge on the latter my credit card business is down by 50 per cent with no discernable loss of trade and very little resistance to the charge. The occasional moan that I do get would soon be silenced if other similar outlets had the guts to stand up and say "enough". Our small family restaurant is now £20 per week more profitable!

One other little problem with the plastic menace has, however, become apparent with the increase in the number of cheques we handle. Do the banks deliberately design cheque cards so as to make the reading of the numbers in anything but perfect light almost impossible?

You may draw your own conclusions as to what would happen to a cheque drawn on a poor account if the recipient mistook a 3 for an 8?
Yours faithfully,
J. C. WATERFIELD,
Cadland Court, Channel Way,
Ocean Village, Southampton.

No commission

From Ms Gill Colver
Sir, While I have little argument with many of the points made in your Comment piece (Weekend Money, September 14) about the plight of borrowers with home income plans, you should not assume that all building societies pay commission to financial advisers for introducing mortgage business.

While this may be true of some societies, it is certainly not true of the Cheltenham & Gloucester, which does not pay commission to introducers, whether of mortgage or investment business.

In the case of Aylesbury Associates and other mortgage-introducers, the only income generated to C&G comes from the interest charged on the mortgage — just as is the case if the customer comes direct, rather than through an intermediary.
Yours faithfully,
GILL COLVER,
Head of Public Relations,
Cheltenham & Gloucester Building Society,
13 St Swithin's Lane, EC4.

Spreading the message against charging for credit cards

From Mr Peter Tray
Sir, What an interesting postbag (Weekend Money letters, September 14) concerning credit cards!

Like Ms Jennifer Bew, I cannot see the bank's "logic" either — unless it is the assumption that most cardholders will be too apathetic to switch to another bank which does not charge.

As Mr Sutton rightly points out, there is no shortage of such banks. This course of action also resolves Ms Elisabeth Balsom's quandry. Whilst it is true that all of us managed quite happily in the era *before* credit cards, today this culture is so entrenched that a plastic-less person is viewed with grave suspicion — especially across the Atlantic. Besides, a credit card can easily be kept secure about one's person, unlike cash or travellers cheques.

The Reverend Salter justifiably complains about NatWest's mean-mindedness on their WWF affinity card. Perhaps he will refer them to Genesis 9:7, and consider switching to a Visa card issued — without charge — by the Co-operative Bank, which contributes £10 upon issue plus 0.25 per cent of expenditure to the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds. For those requiring a "Master Card", I understand that the Bank of Scotland is introducing a National Childrens' Home affinity card — without charge.

I agree wholeheartedly with Mr P Sutton that we should all support those institutions offering "no charge" cards. Hopefully, readers of "Weekend Money" will spread the message!
Yours faithfully,
PETER TRAY,
Director,
Perestroika Ltd.,
Accent House,
683 High Road, N12.

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7	BSS Group	Industrials A-D	
8	BM Gp	Industrials A-D	
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11	Reckitt Coleman	Industrials L-R	
12	Bowater	Industrials A-D	
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14	Caffyns	Motors,Aircraft	
15	Cable& Wireless	Electricals	
16	Eurotherm	Electricals	
17	Tiphook	Transport	
18	Reed Int	Newspapers,Pub	
19	Vodafone	Electricals	
20	Photo-Me	Industrials L-R	
21	Mitel	Electricals	
22	Land Sec	Property	
23	Hardy O & G	Oil,Gas	
24	BPI	Industrials A-D	
25	Siebe	Industrials S-Z	
26	Yorkshire Water	Water	
27	Hikma	Industrials E-K	
28	Marston Thompson	Breweries	
29	Hillsdown	Foods	
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32	Campari	Leisure	
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34	Abbey National	Banks,Discount	
35	Silentnight	Industrials S-Z	
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1990/91 High	Low	Stock	Int	Price	Chge	Int xd yield%	Gross Red yield%
SHORTS (Under Five Years)							
99⅝	98⅝	Treas	8%	1991		99⅝	8.04 10.138
100⅛	98⅞	Treas	11¾%	1991		100⅛	+¼ 10.29 10.145
99⅞	98⅝	Treas	11¾%	1991		99⅞	8.04 8.057
100	97⅝	Treas	9%	1992		100	8.99 8.997
101⅛	99⅝	Treas	12¾%	1992		101⅛	12.61 8.772
101⅜	100⅛	Treas	12¾%	1992		101⅜	12.58 8.745
104⅜	102⅜	Treas	13¾%	1992		104⅜	13.18 8.749
99⅝	97⅝	Treas	9%	1992		99⅝	9.04 8.997
103⅜	101⅜	Treas	12¾%	1992		103⅜	12.34 8.749
103⅝	101⅝	Treas	12¾%	1992		103⅝	12.34 8.749
104⅜	102⅜	Treas	13¾%	1992		104⅜	13.18 8.749
103⅝	101⅝	Treas	12¾%	1992		103⅝	12.34 8.749
104⅜	102⅜	Treas	13¾%	1992		104⅜	13.18 8.749
99⅞	97⅞	Treas	9%	1992		99⅞	9.01 8.997
101	99⅛	Treas	11¾%	1992		101	11.64 8.997
107¼	105⅛	Treas	13¾%	1992		107	+⅛ 11.8 8.997
108	105⅝	Treas	13¾%	1992		108	12.4 8.997
111⅝	108⅝	Treas	14¾%	1992		111⅝	13.1 8.997
99	96⅝	Treas	9%	1992-95		97⅝	9.2 8.997
102⅝	100⅝	Treas	12¾%	1992		102	11.9 8.997
103⅝	101⅝	Treas	12¾%	1992		103⅝	12.34 8.997
110⅝	108⅝	Treas	12¾%	1992		110⅝	11.5 8.997
FIVE TO FIFTEEN YEARS							
98	92⅝	Treas	9%	1992-96		98	9.2 9.182
101⅝	95⅝	Treas	10%	1996		101⅝	+⅛ 9.8 9.182
112⅝	105⅝	Treas	12¾%	1996	B	112⅝	11.3 9.174
114⅝	106⅝	Treas	13%	1996		114⅝	+⅛ 11.4 9.174
115⅝	107⅝	Treas	13¾%	1997		115⅝	+⅛ 12.1 9.174
100⅝	93⅝	Treas	8%	1997		100⅝	+⅛ 10.1 9.182
102⅝	95⅝	Treas	9%	1997		102⅝	+⅛ 9.8 9.182
114⅝	106⅝	Treas	12¾%	1997		114⅝	+⅛ 11.6 9.182
115⅝	107⅝	Treas	13¾%	1997		115⅝	+⅛ 12.1 9.174
103⅝	97	Treas	10%	1997		103⅝	+⅛ 10.1 9.182
116⅝	108⅝	Treas	13¾%	1997		116⅝	+⅛ 12.1 9.174
98⅝	91⅝	Treas	8%	1997		98⅝	+⅛ 9.8 9.182
101⅝	94⅝	Treas	9%	1997		101⅝	+⅛ 9.8 9.182
104⅝	97⅝	Treas	10%	2001	B	104⅝	+⅛ 9.8 9.182
115⅝	107⅝	Treas	13¾%	1997-01		115⅝	+⅛ 11.5 9.182
81⅞	77⅝	Exch	9%	1999		81⅞	9.8 9.182
101⅝	94⅝	Treas	9%	2000		101⅝	9.8 9.182
104⅝	97⅝	Treas	10%	2000		104⅝	+⅛ 9.8 9.182
117⅝	109⅝	Treas	13¾%	2000-03		117⅝	+⅛ 11.5 9.182
100⅝	93⅝	Treas	9%	2000		100⅝	9.8 9.182
104⅝	97⅝	Treas	10%	2001		104⅝	+⅛ 9.8 9.182
111⅝	103⅝	Treas	12¾%	2001-04		111⅝	+⅛ 10.5 9.182
100⅝	93⅝	Treas	9%	2005		100⅝	9.8 9.182
121⅝	113⅝	Treas	12¾%	2003-05		121	10.5 9.182
OVER FIFTEEN YEARS							
99⅝	79⅝	Treas	8%	2002-06		98⅝	8.1 9.440
95⅝	81⅝	Treas	8¾%	2003		95⅝	10.1 9.182
119⅝	103⅝	Treas	11¾%	2003-07		119⅝	9.8 9.182
99⅝	85⅝	Treas	9%	2008	C	99⅝	9.8 9.182
139⅝	117⅝	Treas	13¾%	2003-08		139⅝	+⅛ 11.4 9.182
88	80	Treas	8%	2009		87⅝	9.8 9.182
97⅝	85⅝	Conv	5%	2011		97⅝	5.09 5.573
101⅝	88⅝	Treas	9%	2011	PP	97⅝	— —
99⅝	85⅝	Treas	8¾%	2011	A	99⅝	— —
99⅝	85⅝	Treas	8¾%	2008-12		99⅝	8.9 9.182
111⅝	94⅝	Treas	9¾%	2008-12		111⅝	8.8 9.182
111⅝	94⅝	Treas	9¾%	2012-15		111⅝	8.8 9.182
125⅜	113⅜	Exch	12%	2013-17		124⅜	9.6 9.182
UNDATED							
28½	23½	Consols		2½%		25½	9.8 —
28½	23½	Treas		2½%		25½	9.8 —
30½	28⅝	Treas		3%		28⅝	10.5 —
69⅝	57⅝	Conv		4%		41⅝	9.6 —
41⅝	35⅝	Consols		4%		37⅝	8.4 —
37⅝	33⅝	War Ln		3½%		33⅝	— —
INDEX-LINKED							
138⅝	131⅝	Treas		2½%	1988	132⅝	● —
121⅝	115⅝	Treas		2½%	1996	119	● —
178	169	Treas		2½%	2001	144	● +⅛
144⅝	137⅝	Treas		2½%	2006	142⅝	● +⅛
149⅝	138⅝	Treas		2½%	2011	142⅝	● +⅛
142⅝	135⅝	Treas		2½%	2013	139⅝	● +⅛
139⅝	135⅝	Treas		2½%	2016	139⅝	● +⅛
118⅝	112⅝	Treas		2½%	2020	117⅝	● +⅛
118	112⅝	Treas		2½%	2024	117⅝	● +⅛
116⅝	111⅝	Treas		2½%	2027	115⅝	● +⅛
95⅝	91⅝	Treas		2½%	2030	95⅝	● +⅛

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311	211	Allied Trust	178	184	+1	—	—	—
311	211	Amro	178	184	+1	25	47	—
311	211	Arbuthnot Lath	178	184	+1	25	47	—
311	211	Bank Ireland	178	184	+1	25	47	—
311	211	Bank Scotland	178	184	+1	25	47	—
311	211	Barclays	178	184	+1	25	47	—
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Partnership Inc	54.02	57.47e	-0.52	2.93
Do Acc	58.95	62.72e	-0.85	2.93
Inc Fund 3	177.8	189.2	-0.8	5.72
Inc Fund 4	377.4	401.5	-1.8	5.72
Inc Port Inc	53.16	57.07e	-0.25	2.89
Do Acc	80.31	82.42e	-0.39	2.89
Smlr Inc 5	104.8	111.5	+0.1	3.17
Hi Inc Prt Inc	51.18	58.03e	-0.30	6.26

BURRAGE UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD
117 Fenchurch Street London EC3M 5AL Tel: 071-480 7216
Shr Pt Fxd Int 82.81 83.83 +0.03 6.42

CIS UNIT MANAGERS LTD
PO Box 105 Manchester M60 0AH Tel: 061-837 6060

Envlon	107.2	114.1	-0.2	2.93
UK Growth	118.3	125.9e	-0.7	2.87
UK Income	111.0	118.1	-0.7	5.42

CANNON FUND MANAGERS
1, Olympic Way, Wembley Middx HA9 0NB Tel: 081-902 8876

SE Asia	49.58	53.00e	-0.65	2.30
Growth	40.42	43.24e	-0.17	3.80
Income	49.38	52.81e	-0.08	6.00

CAPEL-CURE MYERS UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD
Sth Fountain Street, Manchester M2 2AF Tel: Enquiries: 061-236 5685 Dealing: 061-236 5362

Capability Trusts				
Am & Gen	66.46	66.97e	+0.57	0.28
Do Acc	68.49	104.7e	+0.61	0.28
European	68.24	61.76e	-0.52	1.31
Do Acc	60.13	63.89e	-0.56	1.31
F East/Gen	47.39	50.42	-0.08	0.00
Do Acc	47.39	50.42	-0.08	0.00
Gen/Inc	222.2	236.4e	+0.4	2.39
Do Acc	242.7	258.2e	+0.4	2.39
Growth	239.4	218.6e	-3.9	2.67
Do Acc	238.7	253.9e	-3.9	2.67
Inc. & Gth Inc	339.6	360.7	+1.4	5.47
Do Acc	411.0	437.3	-5.8	4.88
Master Portf	233.66	88.21	-0.54	2.78
Do Acc	233.20	87.28	-0.68	2.78
Spec Sits	68.56	70.80	-0.68	2.78
Do Acc	74.98	78.75	-1.11	2.78
Exempt Fund				
High Yld Exmt	218.60	10.89	-0.16	5.56
Do Acc	211.44	11.80	-0.17	5.56

CAPEL (JAMES) UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD
3, Harbour Exchange Square, London, E14 9GJ. Tel: Telephone: 071-985 5050 Dealings: 071-985 5055

Amer Index	147.6	157.5	-0.1	2.16
Capital	479.5	508.6	-0.7	3.97
Euro Index	112.5	120.0	-0.2	1.95
Euro Growth	73.09	77.93	-0.27	1.95
Far East Gth	68.52	70.69	-0.16	1.19
Global Bond	90.34	81.85	-0.13	8.57
Gold Com S S	90.24	94.39	+0.67	0.00
Hong Kong	41.45	44.23	-0.33	3.18
Income	463.5	483.9	-2.5	5.20
Intl Gth	61.71	65.85	-0.08	1.30
Japan Gth	229.0	225.0	-1.9	0.00
Jap Smlr Cos	29.82	31.82	-0.03	0.00
Jap Index	82.48	88.88	-0.25	0.34
N Amer	311.5	332.4	+1.6	1.84
Smlr Comp Index	32.57	34.75	-0.46	0.00
Tiger Index	66.77	62.60e	-0.73	1.31
UK Index	108.9	117.2	-0.5	4.10

CAZENOVE UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD
16 Tokenhouse Yard, London EC2R 7AN Tel: 071-606 0708

Amer Port/	58.43	62.50	+0.32	1.75
Euro Port	63.0	67.1	-0.2	0.98
Far East/	44.71	47.55	+0.03	0.00
Pacific Port	60.50	65.06	-0.28	3.06
Port	60.43	64.64	-0.12	3.10
UK Inc/Gth	58.76	63.16	-0.17	5.16

CENTRAL BOARD OF FINANCE OF CHURCH OF ENGLAND
2, Fore Street, London EC2Y 5AQ Tel: 071-588 1815

Inv	559.3	592.8pe	..	5.13
Fixed Int	139.8	140.3pe	..	10.53
Deposit	100.0	..	..	10.40

CHARITIES OFFICIAL INVESTMENT FUND
2, Fore Street, London EC2Y 5AQ Tel: 071-588 1816

Income	636.8	639.4	..	5.38
Acc	£19.44	19.87	..	..
Deposit	100.0	..	..	10.45
Fixed Int Inc	118.3	113.5	..	10.21
Do Acc	123.3	128.6pe	..	..

CITY FINANCIAL UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD
1 Minster Court Mark Lane London EC3R 7AA Tel: 071-407 5988

Assets	53.01	55.81e	..	2.88
Stock Int Co Ac	63.61	66.51	..	5.53
Peter Dale Cap	177.6	186.2	..	2.56
Peter Hse Cap	216.6	229.4	..	2.56

COMMERCIAL UNION TRUST MANAGERS
St Helen's, 1, Undershaft, London EC3P 3DQ
Tel: Enquiries 081-661 2222 Dealing 081-686 8818

Am Gth	78.37	81.24	+0.82	1.80
Euro Gth	79.02	84.06	-0.32	1.51
Far East	76.39	74.88	-0.45	0.77
Jap Gwth	35.20	37.45e	+0.01	0.00
Managed Inc	54.15	57.61	+0.06	5.08
Do Acc	62.16	66.13	+0.06	5.08
Monthly Inc	42.76	45.51e	+0.05	9.89
Smlr Cos Inc	29.17	31.03	-0.01	3.04
Do Acc	31.29	33.29	-0.01	3.04
UK/Gen Inc	62.39	66.37	-0.12	3.97
Gen Fund	71.52	76.09	-0.13	3.97
Wrldle Bond	48.02	52.16e	+0.06	5.47
Do Acc	58.81	62.59e	+0.06	5.47
Wrldle Sp Sits	43.85	46.90	+0.01	1.28
Do accum	45.66	48.66	+0.01	1.28
Quilter Gen Inc	105.9	112.7e	+0.06	7.88
Do Acc	113.8	121.2e	+0.07	7.88
Quilter Inc	88.72	95.45	-0.65	5.58
Do Acc	101.5	107.9	-0.78	5.58
Quilter Intl Inc	102.8	109.1	-0.67	0.01
Do Acc	103.5	110.1	-0.67	0.01
Quilter UK S/S Inc	71.50	76.05	-0.39	4.16
Do Acc	92.59	98.18	-0.38	4.16

COMMERCIAL UNION PRESTIGE FUND MANAGEMENT

Finance/Prop	81.23	87.05d	+0.05	3.07
Fixed/Conv	34.62	37.15d	-0.19	6.76
Equity Inc	82.17	87.41d	-0.18	6.76
Equity Inc	132.1	140.6d	-0.69	1.80
Fixed Int	393.0	418.1d	-2.03	5.41
High Yield Inc	105.9	112.7d	-0.19	6.06
Do Acc	369.9	392.4d	-0.63	6.06
Preference Inc	39.91	41.50	+0.03	10.35
Do Acc	177.2	188.5	-0.25	10.35
PPT Europe	132.4	140.9	+0.51	0.69
PPT Global	61.73	65.69	+0.25	3.72
PPT Gtd/Com	22.63	24.04	+0.40	2.83
PPT Hse	35.56	38.24	..	0.00
PPT HK	48.85	53.03	-0.76	1.38
PPT Jap	162.4	108.0	+0.05	0.67
PPT Managed	109.5	110.3	-0.38	3.70
PPT Slng/Al	68.53	71.20	-0.89	0.00
PPT UK	100.7	107.1	-0.23	1.49
PPT Cash	83.14	..	+0.04	10.35

EFM UNIT TRUST MANAGERS
4, Melville Crescent, Edinburgh Tel: 0345 080525

Amer	86.69	92.11	+1.36	1.15

Capt	134.6	142.4	+0.7	2.11
Convertible	23.54	24.89e	+0.12	7.70
Eurofund	33.14	35.04	-0.05	1.14
Exempt Mngd	150.0	155.6	..	3.37
Growth/Inc	204.1	216.6e	-2.4	5.19
High Dist	149.6	158.2	-1.3	7.05
Intl	272.3	288.1	-0.5	1.73
Intl Inc	61.56	65.72e	-0.20	5.01
Pacific	36.39	37.60	+0.44	1.06
Smlr Cos	61.13	64.95	+0.28	0.00
Tokyo	110.8	103.5	+0.1	0.00
Ex Am 2	159.7	164.1	..	1.10
Ex Jap 3	111.9	115.0	..	0.45
Ex Smlr Jap 4	520.0	534.3	+12.9	0.09

EAGLE STAR UNIT TRUST MANAGERS
Bath Road, Cheltenham, Gloucester GL53 7LG
Tel: 0642 577233

Orlando Op Acc	55.22	58.81	-0.19	1.42
Japanese	53.35	56.75e	+0.01	0.00
UK Balan Inc	101.0	107.4	-0.7	3.25
Do Acc	114.1	121.4	-0.7	3.25
UK Gth Accum	169.1	179.9	-1.0	1.99
UK Hi Inc	119.4	127.0	-0.8	5.47
Wh Hi Inc Acc	129.3	136.5	-0.8	5.47
N Amer Acc	76.76	83.79	+1.29	1.09
Euro Acc	106.1	115.0e	-0.8	0.34
UK Pref/Fl Inc	56.54	59.97	+0.06	6.62
Do Acc	61.09	65.65	+0.06	6.62
Intl Sp S Acc	42.90	44.89e	+0.11	0.61
Emwnd Opp	57.57	61.24	-0.41	1.31

ENDURANCE FUND MANAGEMENT LTD
41, Hannington Gardens London SW7 4JU Tel: 071 373 7261

Endurance	149.2	157.8	..	1.82

EQUITABLE UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD
Walton Street Aylesbury, HP21 7QW Tel: 0296 431460

Equitable Pelican	105.3	110.8	-0.72	4.87
High Inc	111.5	117.4	-0.68	3.59
T Gt Inv Tst	110.5	116.8e	-0.13	3.39
Spec Sits	97.14	102.2e	-0.49	4.24
N Am	74.73	78.69e	+0.36	0.98
Far East	160.6	170.5	-0.29	1.58
Intl Gth	78.19	79.11	-0.09	1.80
Euro	56.76	59.75	-0.40	1.99
Smlr Cos	57.72	60.76	+0.21	3.62

EQUITY & LAW
51, George Hse Corporation St. Coventry CV1 1BD Tel: 0203 553231

UK Gth Account	250.4	266.7	..	3.31
Do Inc	202.6	215.6	..	3.31
Higher Inc Acc	151.0	160.8	..	4.80
Do Inc	315.2	335.4	..	4.80
Glbg/Fxd Acc	141.9	149.4e	..	8.74
Do Inc	81.79	86.10e	..	8.74
N America	179.2	190.4	..	0.00
Far East	222.9	237.2	..	0.31
Europe	202.7	215.7e	..	0.00
Gemnt	354.5	377.2e	..	3.44
Gemnt Acc	384.1	408.7e	..	3.44
Sr Excellence	58.82	62.45	..	6.00
Sr Estate Inc	97.86	81.69e	..	6.00
Sr Gth Acc	53.11	56.45	..	6.00
Global Ops	57.11	60.76	..	0.00

FIDELITY INVESTMENT SERVICES LTD
Oakhill House, 130 Tonbridge Road Hildenborough Kent TN11 9DZ Tel: 0800 414161

American	161.7	171.0	+1.5	0.00
Glbsh Unit	132.95	..	+0.03	10.60
Extra Income	98.22	103.0	-0.40	7.00
Gth/Inc	128.6	136.0	-1.4	5.28
Inc Plus	104.6	112.2e	+0.3	7.18
UK Gth	54.01	57.92e	-0.41	0.00

FOREIGN & COLONIAL
Investment Trust Managers, Princess Street, London EC2A 2NY Tel: 071-628 8000

Euro Income	73.93	84.65e	-0.41	3.69
Far East	114.9	123.4	+0.2	0.00
Oyseas Income	69.97	73.32	+1.09	3.27
UK Growth	89.24	116.0e	-0.89	1.73
UK Inc Fund	105.7	113.1	-1.9	5.76
US Smlr Cos	137.4	147.0	+1.3	0.00

FRAMLINGTON UNIT MANAGEMENT
155, Bishopsgate London EC2M 3PT Tel: 071-374 4100

Am Smlr Cos	284.7	308.4e	..	..
Do Acc	280.9	316.0e	..	..
Capit Inc	282.4	288.4e	..	2.98
Do Acc	289.3	380.9e	..	2.98
Cont Smlr Inc	41.38	44.03	..	0.44
Do Acc	42.07	44.77	..	0.44
Conv Inc	105.8	112.1	..	7.20
Do Acc	178.6	189.2	..	7.20
Euro Inc	99.11	95.11	..	0.75
Do Acc	91.35	97.70	..	0.75
Extra Inc Inc	255.0	271.2	..	5.34
Do Acc	338.2	359.8	..	5.34
Financial Acc	63.65	67.70	..	0.84
Do Inc	61.31	64.94	..	0.84
Inc Trust	165.7	177.3	..	5.19
Do Acc	213.1	226.8	..	5.19
Intl Gth	243.6	261.3	..	..
Do Acc	270.0	287.2	..	..
Jap & Gen Inc	139.7	149.8	..	..
Do Acc	141.1	151.4	..	..
Mangd Port Inc	78.21	82.92	..	1.97
Do Acc	79.63	83.04	..	1.97
Monthly Inc	128.9	137.1e	..	5.39
Recov	207.2	225.5	..	1.05
Do Acc	205.8	220.7	..	1.05
Smlr Cos	39.05	41.39	..	0.74
Do Acc	43.04	45.78e	..	3.74
Gth Gth Inc	62.19	64.14	..	5.06
Do Acc	67.56	69.67	..	5.06
Gbl Inc Inc	76.08	81.54	..	5.80
Do Acc	67.90	70.01	..	5.80

FRIENDS PROVIDENT MANAGERS
Castle Street, Salisbury, Wilts SP1 3SH Tel: Dealing:0722 411411 Admin:0722 411822

Equity Dist	268.4	300.8	-3.24	3.68
Inc	95.16	100.1	+0.04	5.41
Euro Gth Dist	91.23	97.05e	-0.46	0.65
Inc	82.98	88.92e	-0.46	0.65
Fixed Int Dist	117.7	124.5e	+0.36	7.98
Inc	184.7	195.4e	+0.60	7.98
Int Gth Dist	62.08	66.04	+0.09	0.60
Inc	65.59	67.65	+0.09	0.60
N Am Dist	136.0	147.9	+1.39	1.23
Inc	145.1	157.8	+1.48	1.23
Pac Basin Dist	155.6	167.5	+0.05	0.46
Inc	167.9	189.5	+0.05	0.46
Stwd Dist	247.3	265.1	-1.53	2.91
Inc	262.1	281.1	-1.62	2.91
Stwd Inc Dist	53.66	57.99e	-0.26	4.51
Inc	62.52	66.30e	-0.30	4.51
NAm Stwd Dist	69.25	73.57	+0.24	0.29
Inc	73.02	77.58	+0.25	0.29

GT UNIT MANAGERS
6th Floor, 6, Devonshire Sq, London EC2M 4YJ
Tel: 071-283 2575 Dealing: 071-623 8431

Am Sp Sits	85.67	91.83	+0.03	0.00

UK Gtr Inc	143.6	153.6e	-1.9	4.13
Do Acc	238.5	252.3	-1.8	4.13
Do Spec Sits	88.01	89.91	-0.27	1.91
Inc Fund	98.55	105.4e	-0.80	7.79
Intl	183.8	196.8	..	1.27
Intl/Gemt	95.35	98.41	+0.18	0.05
Jap & Gemt	351.7	373.6	+2.8	0.00
Far East/Gen	189.2	203.6	+0.4	0.30
Euro	318.2	337.2	-1.5	1.16
Gemetry	85.43	90.70	-0.46	0.45
Intl Inc	95.65	89.28	-0.15	0.05
Wrld/ Spec Sit	80.60	97.22	..	0.13
Global Prp Inc	47.76	51.08	+0.10	2.62
Do Acc	47.79	51.08	-1.58	2.62
Smlr Cos Div	43.01	46.00	+0.16	0.00

GARTMORE FUND MANAGERS
Gartmore House, 16-18 Monument St, London EC3R 8AJ Tel: 071-623 1212 Dealing: 0277 224421 Services: 0800 289236

UK Growth Trusts				
British Gth	38.02	38.53e	-0.49	2.13
Gth/Trust**	115.82	..	+0.00	10.45
Prest Inv Inc	80.26	86.05e	+0.23	3.78
Do Acc	185.5	198.0e	+0.46	3.78
UK Smlr Cos	108.9	116.2	+0.05	3.21
Income Trusts				
Euro Inc	82.60	87.27	-0.59	7.33
Preference	21.74	28.25	+0.00	12.04
High Inc	31.40	33.66e	-0.64	5.76
Income	109.4	115.9	-1.53	3.65
Prpty Inc	238.91	24.24e	+0.03	7.25
International Trusts				
Gold Int	84.18	88.83	+0.40	1.35
Gsvnwthurne	17.59	18.78	-0.06	0.58
Financial Mids	32.39	34.57	-0.08	0.52
Glob Inc/Gth	80.19	86.04	-0.07	3.20
UK/Intl	90.70	97.01	-0.22	3.03
Overseas Trusts				
Asiaclaim	88.97	95.14	+0.49	1.28
Eurolyman	63.35	67.32	-0.25	1.44
Euro Sml Opp	84.39	89.57e	-1.37	1.49
Am Emerg	44.62	47.65	+0.39	0.02
Hong Kong	52.47	56.21	-0.41	2.54
Japan	155.4	166.7	+0.25	0.00
Pacific Gth	85.13	91.26	-0.96	1.76

GOVETT (JOHN) UNIT MANAGEMENT
Shackleton Hse, 4, Battle Bridge Lane, London SE1 2HR Tel: 071-378 7979 Dealing:071-388 0555

Intl Gth	103.5	110.7	-0.19	0.49
Amer Growth	78.90	84.38	+0.14	0.00
Euro Growth	59.72	63.77e	-0.34	0.41
Gbr Horizons	42.01	44.89	-0.16	0.71
Jap Growth	65.84	70.21e	-0.16	0.00
Pacific Bas	91.35	97.70	-0.21	0.00
Pacific Rim	61.09	65.32	-0.29	0.00
UK Prog Inc	71.35	76.31	-0.60	6.83
Gt British	45.75	48.89	-0.65	2.43
UK Smlr Co	39.55	42.31e	+0.31	3.35

GRE UNIT MANAGERS
35 Harbour Exchange Square London E14 9GE Tel: 071-538 9888

Gilt	109.7	116.1d	+0.1	10.54
Gth/Fxd Interest	109.5	116.1d	-0.5	9.81
Gth Equity	264.0	282.0	-3.1	2.95
Guaranteed	368.9	384.1d	-2.5	0.00
Inc Trust	105.5	109.6	-1.8	5.31
Intl	125.5	134.0d	+0.6	0.59
Managed	493.5	516.3	+2.0	..
Pref & Fxd Int	185.8	198.4	+2.4	0.47
Pension Fd	294.7	314.6	+1.4	0.21
Prop Shares	210.4	224.7	+0.5	4.74
Smlr Cos	226.0	241.4	..	2.36
Euro Trust	317.5	339.2	-0.5	0.35

HALIFAX STANDARD TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD
PO Box 600 Edinburgh EH15 1EW Tel: 0800 626893

Global Adv Inc	29.99	31.37e	-0.04	2.43
Global Adv Acc	30.26	32.08e	-0.05	2.43

HAMBROS UNIT TRUST MANAGERS
Admin: 5, Rayleigh Rd, Hutton, Brentwood, Essex. Tel: Enquiries 0277 227300 Dealing 0277 262324

Amer Equity	54.28	57.59	+0.12	4.17
Canadian	48.04	52.53	+0.29	0.39
Equity Inc	100.4	106.8	..	6.06
Euro	123.1	130.9	-0.9	0.65
High Inc	85.13	89.29e	-0.81	7.19
Intl Gth	58.84	62.50	+0.20	0.00
Jap & Far East	88.58	93.99	-0.03	0.00
Pacific	89.27	94.73	-0.33	0.00
Scandinavian	104.1	110.2e	-0.4	0.90
Smlr Cos	27.30	29.00e	-0.27	2.75
UK New Comm	36.28	38.60	-0.27	2.20

HENDERSON
Premier UT Administration Admin 5, Rayleigh Rd, Hutton, Brentwood, Essex. Tel: 0277 261010

Am Smlr Cos	61.03	65.66	+0.07	0.00
Asian Enterprise	74.93	80.49	-0.83	2.04
Australasian	123.1	128.6e	-0.99	0.00
European	259.3	317.2	-1.54	0.83
Euro Inc	59.93	62.61e	-0.17	3.14
Euro Smlr Cos	106.1	112.6	-0.19	0.58
Far East	201.7	216.9	-0.47	0.00
Family Of Fds	58.80	60.54	-0.01	2.07
Fixed Interest	49.05	53.21e	+0.11	10.95
Global Recove	71.20	76.42	+0.41	1.77
High Inc	79.19	85.04	-2.75	5.15
Income/Gth Inc	212.4	226.2	-2.16	5.15
Do Acc	502.4	535.1	-5.12	5.15
Jpn Spec Sits	185.4	197.1c	-0.3	1.38
Jap	164.5	174.9	+0.42	0.00
Nth Amer	167.1	178.0	+1.72	0.79
Pac Smlr Cos	123.3	132.2c	-0.29	1.19
Smlr Cos	76.08	81.60	-0.24	12.21
Spec Sits Inc	142.9	155.8	+0.13	2.15
Spec Sits Inc	218.9	234.3e	-1.25	2.15

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Fifth Place in the Order of Merit and the William G Frazer Prize and the Whinney Prize for the Paper on Financial Accounting 2
Anne Joyce Maxfield (Robson Rhodes), Cambridge

Sixth Place in the Order of Merit (equal) and the Tattersall-Walker Prize and the Quilter Prize for the Paper on Auditing 2
Anna Louise Verduyn (Neville Russell), Oxford

Sixth Place in the Order of Merit (equal) and the Tattersall-Walker Price
Sarah Jane Thomas (Coopers & Lybrand Deloitte), Birmingham

Eighth Place in the Order of Merit (equal)
Delia Elise Ferguson (Coopers & Lybrand Deloitte), London

Elizabeth Anne Whittaker (Price Waterhouse), London

Tenth Place in the Order of Merit (equal)
Neil Joseph Ogden (BDO Binder Hamlyn), Manchester
Fabian Tassano (KPMG Peat Marwick McLintock), London

Twelth Place in the Order of Merit (equal)
Ian Andrew Mackinon (Acklands Bunker), Bristol
Mark Michael Shelton (Price Waterhouse), London

Fourteenth Place in the Order of Merit
Peter Kenneth Howes (Touche Ross & Co), Southampton

Fifteenth Place in the Order of Merit (equal)
Andrew Paul Gambrell (Winters), London
Christopher Maton (Touche Ross & Co), Cambridge

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Joan Margaret Brown (Touche Ross & Co), Bracknell

Eighteenth Place in the Order of Merit
Paul Gary Turner (KPMG Peat Marwick McLintock), Leicester

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Stephen Paul Clarke (Price Waterhouse), London
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Profession profits from its own loss

Despite recession, accountancy has raised staff calibre, says Edward Fennell

The leading accountancy firms crossed an unhappy threshold earlier this year when they started to make a lot of staff redundant. For other professions, this could have been a public relations embarrassment. For accountancy, however, it was more a kind of initiation rite, an entry to the real world of the 1990s.

David Wilson, a senior partner at Ernst & Young, says: "Paradoxically, our clients said it was good to see we were not just fat cats and that we were starting to take hard commercial decisions. We were praised for having the courage to make redundancies."

Among young accountants and graduates, the redundancies delivered a salutary warning that the profession no longer guarantees a lifetime of security. That, too, has been welcomed by the leading firms.

People qualifying as accountants now see a business landscape quite different from the one when they joined firms as fresh graduates at the end of the 1980s.

Insolvency departments in accountancy firms now represent one of the few growth areas, while the opportunities in industry and commerce have contracted. For those who entered accountancy at the peak of 1980s prosperity, it has been a baptism of fire.

Even so, few of today's new qualifiers will suffer directly. Job prospects in the accountancy profession appear better now than they were a few months ago and outside Britain — in the rest of Europe and Africa — there is still a big demand for people with Institute of Chartered Accountants (ICA) qualifications.

Moreover, keen policing by the ICA has ensured that most trainees have had their training contracts honoured and many leading firms have committed themselves to retaining all their newly qualified accountants. Coopers & Lybrand Deloitte, for example, says it has "no intention of asking anybody to leave", while KPMG Peat Marwick McLintock says it intends to retain all those who have passed their examinations and have worked well.

For many young accountants, the next couple of years will be decisive in influencing their long-term career prospects. High-flyers at Ernst & Young will be given the chance to work abroad, or seconded to another department. At Peat's, all newly qualified accountants will start on a recently introduced career development plan, which has led to a higher retention rate among young staff.

Ann-Marie Hersh, a graduate recruitment manager with Peat's, says: "Some of our trainees used to move on automatically after they had qualified and gained some experience with us. Now that we have introduced career development planning, they are more purposeful about seeing a long-term future for themselves with this firm."

Many young accountants will now find themselves working on insolvency and corporate recovery cases. Firms are trying to ensure that the calibre of their insolvency specialists remains high because it has lacked the glamour of tax or consultancy work.

Another important factor affecting employment prospects is the impact of mergers. Many of the recent redundancies in the big firms have been due to the streamlining of departments and management structures. For the newly qualified, however, it has also led to a widening of prospects.

"There has been an enhancement of opportunities for the young accountant," says Mr Wilson at Ernst & Young. "I think the effect of the mergers has been good news for new entrants."

The people suffering most from the shake-out caused by the recession and the aftermath of the mergers are this year's crop of graduates, who now have fewer opportunities in the leading firms. The ICA has calculated that graduate recruitment has fallen by about 20 per cent in the past two years. The contraction is smaller than in other sectors of industry and the general view is that accountants are taking a cautious view on cutbacks in recruitment.

Most of their recruitment plans are based on the expected state of the economy three to five years from now. Because of their lower recruitment levels and the marked drop in demand for graduates across the economy, chartered accountants are finding that the calibre of this autumn's entrants is higher than in recent years.

Neil Taberner, of Coopers & Lybrand Deloitte, says: "In the past, we may have taken on some people for whom accountancy was not the first choice of career. This year, I think we are recruiting only the people for whom accountancy is really their first choice."

Part of the continuing appeal of accountancy comes from the way its position as Britain's leading form of management training has been consolidated through changes in the professional syllabus. The ICA has taken a progressive line and regularly updates its requirements in order to develop commercial acumen and business awareness. At the same time, the doors have been thrown open to training in industry and a number of top employers are pioneering the so-called Training Outside Public Practice scheme.

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Grand prix rivals put the stress on the chassis in Portugal

Mishaps make a misery of practice for Mansell

From NORMAN HOWELL IN ESTORIL

THE FIRST practice for the Portuguese grand prix, the thirteenth round of the world championship, proved inconclusive yesterday. Only a few drops of rain fell, but they were enough to upset the timed session, which finished with Gerhard Berger fastest in front of Ayrton Senna, his Marlboro McLaren teammate.

Nigel Mansell and Ricardo Patrese formed an all-Williams second row of a provisional grid, but many cars either did not complete two full fast laps or were hampered by the suddenly slippery surface. Mansell, 18 points behind Senna in the drivers championship with four grands prix to go, was unhappy about the state of his race car, and had to use the spare Williams, which was not fitted with the latest Renault engine.

Mansell was not only unhappy with some of the hardware, having been laid low by a stomach complaint.

"Under the circumstances it could have been better and it could have been worse," Mansell said. "I think I will just hope for a good day on Saturday and forget about this one."

Senna expressed much the same feelings, hoping that today's second practice might bring a better balanced chassis than the one he drove round the Estoril track high in the hills above this coastal resort around 20 miles west of Lisbon. The track is twisty and quite narrow in places, and though the main straight, where the cars reach speeds of 191mph, obviously favours the most powerful engine, elsewhere the chassis will be the important factor.

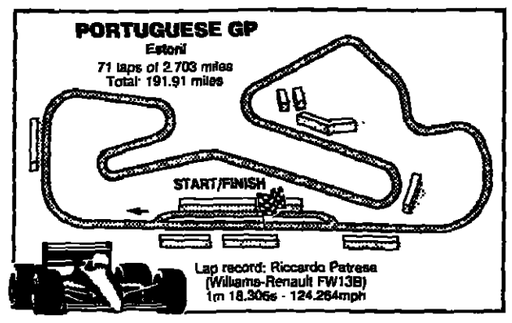
Because of a poor set-up at the Italian grand prix two weeks ago at Monza, Senna wore his tyres more than anticipated and had to come in for fresh ones while Mansell finished victorious on his original set. Mansell will have the advantage over his rival if the McLaren mechanics cannot sort out the balance before the race. The Englisman has the power, the chassis and the will to win, but it might take more than that to wrestle the championship away from the Brazilian, who has re-signed with McLaren for another year.

This decision, confirmed here on Thursday, seems to have eased his mind and left the pit lane rumours to concentrate on the future of Alain Prost, either leaving Ferrari, retiring or going to head the Ligier team.

What is sure is the candidature of Max Mosley for the presidency of Fisa, motor racing's governing body, which is held by Jean-Marie Balestre, the autocratic Frenchman. Mosley has long been involved in the sport, and through the 1970s was one of the main architects of the rules and regulations that have made Formula One a successful and money-generating sport.

He heads Fisa's manufacturers' commission, a job he fears he cannot do properly as Balestre — who has not only to approve the decisions of that commission but take many other executive decisions — does not have the time to deal with everyday matters as he is chief of three leading motoring organisations. "That is one reason I decided to stand against him," Mosley said. "Another is that I was deeply upset at the treatment meted out to Senna after the incident in Suzuka two years ago."

Mosley is convinced that he has enough votes to unseat Balestre on October 9, when the election takes place, but Balestre will not relinquish his position as *M le President* without a fight.




Berger: fastest in practice

ESTORIL DETAILS

PRACTICE TIMES: 1, G Berger (Austria), McLaren-Honda, 1min 13.221sec (132.61mph); 2, A Senna (Br), McLaren-Honda, 1:13.752; 3, N Mansell (GB), Williams-Renault, 1:13.944; 4, R Patrese (It), Williams-Renault, 1:14.041; 5, A Prost (Fr), Ferrari, 1:15.018; 6, P Martini (It), Minardi-Ferrari, 1:15.394; 7, I Capelli (It), Leyton-House, 1:15.481; 8, J Alesi (Fr), Ferrari, 1:15.572; 9, A de Cesaris (It), Jordan-Ford, 1:15.972; 10, S Modena (It), Tyrrell-Honda, 1:16.018; 11, N Piquet (Br), Benetton Ford, 1:16.341; 12, M Schumacher (Ger), Benetton-Ford, 1:16.477; 13, G Morbidelli (It), Minardi-Ferrari, 1:16.540; 14, M Blundell (GB), Brabham-Yamaha, 1:16.567; 15, J J Lehto (Fin), Dallara-Judd, 1:16.724; 16, E Pirro (It), Dallara-Judd, 1:16.725; 17, S Nakajima (Japan), Tyrrell-Honda, 1:16.928; 18, R Moreno (Br), Jordan-Ford, 1:16.956; 19, M Gugelmin (Br), Leyton-House, 1:17.214; 20, M Brundle (GB), Brabham-Yamaha, 1:17.296; 21, A Suzuki (Japan), Larrousse-Ford, 1:17.434; 22, J Herbert (GB), Lotus-Judd, 1:17.713; 23, T Boutsen (Bel), Ligier, 1:18.005; 24, E Bernard (Fr), Larrousse, 1:18.196; 25, E Comas (Fr), Ligier, 1:18.199; 26, G Tarquini (It), AGS-Ford, 1:18.295; 27, M Alboreto (It), Footwork-Ford, 1:18.389; 28, M Häkkinen (Fin), Lotus-Judd, 1:18.947; 29, E van de Poele (Bel), Lamborghini, 1:20.411; 30, N Lanni (It), Lamborghini, 1:21.812.

PRE-QUALIFYING TIMES: 1, Brundle, 1:17.739; 2, Blundell, 1:17.788; 3, Tarquini, 1:18.020; 4, Alboreto, 1:18.371. Did not qualify; 5, F Barbazza (It), AGS-Ford, 1:19.292; 6 C Grouillard (Fr), Fondmetal-Ford, 1:19.500; 7, A Caffi (It), Footwork-Ford, 1:19.521; 8, P Chave (Por), Colonl-Ford, 1:23.958

WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP POSITIONS (after 12 races): Drivers: 1, Senna, 77pts; 2, Mansell, 59; 3, Patrese, 34; 4, Berger, 31; 5, Prost, 25; 6, Piquet, 23; 7, Alesi, 14; equal 8, Modena and de Cesaris, 8; 10, Morano, 2; equal 11, Capelli and B Gachot (Fr), 4; 13, Martini, 3; equal 14, Häkkinen, Nakajima and Schumacher, 2; equal 17, Bailey, Suzuki, Pirro, Bernard, Capelli, Blundell, 1. Constructors: 1, McLaren-Honda, 108pts; 2, Williams-Renault, 93; 3, Ferrari, 39; 4, Benetton-Ford, 32; 5, Jordan-Ford, 13; 6, Tyrrell-Honda, 11; 7, Dallara-Judd, 5; equal 8, Minardi-Ferrari and Lotus-Judd, 3; 10, Larrousse-Ford, 2; equal 11, Leyton House and Brabham-Yamaha, 1

Hannon's century is just the start

By MICHAEL SEELY

CHAMPAGNE corks were popping at sun-drenched Newbury yesterday when Richard Hannon reached two milestones in landing a near 170-1 treble with Knight Of Mercy, Port Sunlight and Beyton.

Knight Of Mercy's return to winning form under 9st 12lb in the opening ITB Handicap for Pat Eddery saw the exuberant father of six saddle 100 winners in a campaign for the first time in his 21-year training career.

Then, Port Sunlight's three-length win in the *People-Sporting Life* Championship Handicap under Ray Cochrane took Hannon's win prize-money total past his previous best figure of £653,526.

"They are all jumping out of their skins," said Hannon. "I don't even know what I'm doing right. So much of it is down to the staff who work so hard and have done a marvellous job."

Before taking out a licence to train at East Everleigh, on the edge of Salisbury Plain, in 1970, the tireless extrovert was a drummer with the Troggs, a leading pop group in the Sixties.

Hannon is now the sixth British Flat race trainer to have saddled 100 winners in a season but, like the equally remarkable Jack Berry, Hannon has accomplished the feat without Arab patrons.

Before racing, Hannon had thought that Beyton was the most likely to achieve his target. And the two-year-old, a heavily backed favourite at 11-4, overcame all kinds of trouble in running to run out a decisive winner of the Stafford Knight Nursery Handicap and complete a 338-1 four-timer for Eddery.


Hannon: two landmarks

The jockey's second win had come on Zinaad, who put up a highly promising performance when sprinting home from Grand Master in the Haynes, Hanson and Clark Stakes.

This trial has been won by horses such as Henbit and Rainbow Quest while Michael Stoute, yesterday's winning trainer, was also responsible for Shergar and in 1985 saw Shahrastani, the subsequent Derby winner, finish second.

"He's a lovely athletic colt and he's been a natural from day one," said Stoute. "But I wasn't sure whether he'd be up to beating a competitive field like this first time out. He's in all the good races later on."

Esbooain, the 7-4 favourite, finished a disappointing fifth but his trainer, Luca Cumani, received handsome consolation when Eddery brought Freewheel home a clear-cut winner of the Jock Collier Memorial Stakes.

The other feature of a high class afternoon's sport was the return to form of the 1990 Queen Mary Stakes winner, On Tiptoes, whom Michael Roberts rode to a convincing victory over Duplicity.

Legal Case misses trial

PAT Eddery rides Andre Fabre's Passagere Du Soir in tomorrow's Prix du Prince d'Orange at Longchamp, the final trial for next month's Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe. Legal Case was taken out yesterday because of the firm ground, leaving no British runners.

In a race won a year ago by Saumarez, the subsequent Arc victor, the likely market leaders are Miss Alleged (Eric Legrix) and Cudas (Freddie Head).

□ Enharmonic, already a winner at Cologne and Baden-Baden, seeks a German group race treble for the Queen in the group two Grosser Kaufhof-Preis (1m) at Cologne today.

Sarcita cracks record on way to big sprint double

By RICHARD EVANS, RACING CORRESPONDENT

RAYMOND Tooth made the first trip of his life to Scotland yesterday and returned home with the Ladbrokes Ayr Gold Cup following a record-breaking performance by Sarcita.

The fast-improving David Elsworth-trained filly clipped almost half a second off the six-furlong course record to become only the third horse to complete the Tote Portland Handicap and Ayr Gold Cup double in the same season.

Tooth, a divorce settlement lawyer, paid 12,500 guineas for the Primo Dominie filly and yesterday's £40,000 first prize took the three-year-old's career earnings to over £70,000.

He will have fond memories of the Scottish track as will Brett Doyle, who only got the ride because Willie Carson was claimed to ride at Newbury. He will not have many easier big-race victories.

Europe's richest sprint handicap was decided from the moment Doyle gave Sarcita her head two furlongs out. She quickly stretched clear to beat Tbab by three-and-a-half lengths.

"The others were going fast but I was always travelling comfortably," Doyle said. "I had to commit myself earlier than I would have liked because she was going so well."

Elsworth added: "When fillies start improving there is no stopping them. She has improved by about 20lb during the season. The only worrying thing is that the handicapper will murder her."

Robert Sangster is no stranger to the Western meeting but the leading British owner can rarely have enjoyed such a successful visit, culminating in a 291-1 treble yesterday, all trained by Peter Chapple-Hyam.

El Cortes has long been touted as one of the best two-year-olds at Manton and he proved his home reputation was justified with a smooth winning debut in the Dick Peacock Salver Graduation Stakes. Despite a recent minor training setback, he quickened nicely to win from 14 rivals in a good time.

Sangster said: "He was not fancied at all. El Cortes was in the top three horses at Manton six weeks ago but missed a bit of work after twingeing a muscle in his back. He only ran because I was coming up here. The owner said 'let's run' against the trainer's judgement."

Chapple-Hyam said that, earlier in the season, El Cortes was the only horse at home who could go with Rodrigo De Triano, winner of the Champagne Stakes and favourite for the 2,000 Guineas. Also sired by El Gran Senor, El Cortes is entered in all the big end-of-season races.

Cochabamba benfited from a drop in class and battled gamely to hold Vivid Concert in the Ladbroke Race Aid Nursery, before surviving a stewards' enquiry for interfering with the runner-up just before the line.

The treble was initiated when Berlin Wall, trained until recently by Luca Cumani, beat the odds-on favourite, Cooley's Valve, in the Keith Aspland Memorial Stakes.

Patricia to extend run to five

From OUR IRISH RACING CORRESPONDENT IN DUBLIN

SHEIKH Mohammed has obtained odds of almost 4-1 to his money for a supplementary entry fee of Ir£18,500 about Patricia in today's Jefferson Smurfit Memorial Irish St Leger at the Curragh. No bookmaker will be anywhere near as generous today.

Patricia, a $20,000 bargain buy in the United States by Charles St George, won three races worth £57,000 before he sold her on to the sheikh.

The most significant of those wins came in a slowly-run race at Deauville where she displayed a turn of speed to go with the stamina which she showed in her first outing for her new owner by winning the Park Hill Stakes at Doncaster last week.

St George is represented today by the Doncaster Cup winner, Great Marquess, but he is held by Turgeon on Deauville form and, not surprisingly, Lester Piggott has elected to ride Eileen Jenny instead.

The John Oxx-trained filly, third in the Irish Oaks, is the only runner to have been placed in a classic and must have a sound each-way chance. But it is difficult to oppose the improving Patricia who can extend her sequence to five.

Two English juvenile challengers on show earlier are Night Duty (2.15) and Tike Fa (3.15). Night Duty ran fourth to Arazi in the Prix Robert Papin and will provide an excellent link to French and Irish two-year-old form when coming up against Safety Tactic, who was fourth to El Prado in the National Stakes.

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GOING: GOOD DRAW: NO ADVANTAGE

3.55 JEFFERSON SMURFIT MEMORIAL IRISH ST LEGER (Group I: Ir£150,000: 1m 6f) (10 runners)

1	346105	ARCANE 16 (B,D,S) (J O'Connor) B Flynn 4-9-8	J F Egan 8
2	801201	GREAT MARQUESS 9 (F,G) (C St George) H Cecil (GB) 4-9-8	Paul Eddery 2
3	0-03234	SUPERFLAME 36 (F) (N Stanley) J Canty 4-9-8	S Craine 10
4	33-2102	TURGEON 35 (F,G,S) (G Strawbridge) J Pease (Fr) 5-9-8	A Cruz 8
5	11-1430	DOWLAND 24 (C,G,S) (Sheikh Mohammed) M Kauntze 3-8-12	M J Kinane 4
6	21-5133	MUIR STATION 14 (B,D,S) (Mrs V Kraft Peyson) J Bolger 3-8-12	C Roche 3
7	131431	PERSIAN HALO 13 (CD,F,G,S) (Tamstron Racing Club) M Kauntze 3-8-12	W J O'Connor 5
8	2-2133	EILEEN JENNY 28 (C,D) (G Jennings) J Oxx 3-8-9	L Piggott 7
9	0-51111	PATRICIA 10 (D,F,G,S) (Sheikh Mohammed) H Cecil (GB) 3-8-9	S Cauthen 1
10	-13612	ZAFADOLA 28 (C,G,S) (Aga Khan) J Oxx 3-8-9	J Murtagh 9

BETTING: 11-10 Patricia, 4-1 Great Marquess, 9-2 Turgeon, 7-1 Eileen Jenny, 10-1 Zafadola, 20-1 Persian Halo and Dowland, 25-1 Muir Station, 33-1 Super Flame, 50-1 Arcane.

1990: IBN BEY 6-9-8 T Quinn (5-1) P Cole (GB) 12 ran

RESULTS FROM YESTERDAY'S FOUR MEETINGS

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Going: good

2.00 (1m) 1. BERLIN WALL (Paul Eddery, 11-2); 2, Cooley's Valve (D Holland, 4-11 fav); 3, Angelo's Double (G Carter, 6-1). ALSO RAN: 100 Marlea Loch (4th). 4 ran. ¼l, 6l. 12. P Chapple-Hyam at Manton. Tote: £4.20. DF: £1.70. CSF: £7.51. 1min 38.44sec.

2.35 (1m 2f 192yd) 1. FRESCOBALDO (C Munday, 9-1); 2, Young George (G Baxter, 12-1); 3, Canny Chronicle (C Hodgson, 11-1). ALSO RAN: 7-2 fav Vague Dancer (4th), 13-2 K-Brigade (5th), 6 Mandesia, Surrey Dancer, 10 Thomas Lang (6th), 11 Azurean, 20 Night Fancy, 33 Bold Elect. 11 ran ½l, 2l, 1l, sh hd, sh hd. M Naughton at Richmond. Tote: £8.10: £3.00, £4.50, £3.80. DF: £58.90. CSF: £91.29. Tricast: £978.04. 2min 16.53sec

3.10 (6f) 1, EL CORTES (Paul Eddery, 4-1); 2, Isaiah (J Carroll, 11-1); 3, Darling Miss Daisy (W Hood, 10-1). ALSO RAN: 15-8 fav Touch Paper, 15-2 Phildor (5th), 8 Parisit Amour, 16 Ferrowa, 20 Oreo Cookie (4th), 25 Hob Green, 33 Denim Blue, Premier Major, 50 Lunar Bold Flasher, Citizen, Breeze Away (6th), 14 ran. NR: Portite Jane. 2l, hd, ¾l, nk, 1l. P Chapple-Hyam at Manton. Tote: £4.60: £2.10, £3.40, £3.00. DF: £60.30. CSF: £43.73. 1min 11.22sec

3.40 (6f) 1, SARCITA (B Doyle, 14-1); 2, Tbab (B Raymond, 14-1); 3, Dominuet (R Fox, 40-1); 4, Gilt Throne (C Hodgson, 33-1). ALSO RAN: 6 fav Bold Habit, 12 Gentle Hero, 15 Barbie Wooster, Final Shot, 16 Cumbrian Waltzer, Fartelu, 18 Pawnbrokers Pet, 20 Petrarca, Red Rosein, 22 Lafiqadeus, Ashdron (6th), 25 Maggie Siddons, Finjan, 28 Master Pokey, 33 Bold Lez, Our Fan, Love Returned, Gonnisky, 40 Heard A Whisper (5th), Love Legend, 50 Hinari Televideo, Toshiba Comet, Breezy Dey, Royale Robinia. 28 ran. NR: Paddy Chalk. 3½l, sh hd, nk, ½l, ¾l. D Elsworth at Whitsbury. Tote: £12.70: £3.40, £3.50, £16.60, £14.40. DF: £86.40. CSF: £168.00. Tric (any two of the first three with any other) £19.30. Tricast: £6,685.63. 1min 09.36sec

4.10 (6f) 1, COCHABAMBA (J Reid, 8-1); 2, Vivid Concert (M Tebbutt, 5-1); 3, Nit Nist Nbu (G Carter, 20-1) ALSO RAN: 3 fav By Hand (6th), 5 Milagro (5th), 7 Lady Sabo, 15-2 Heather Bank (4th), 16 Meltonby, 20 Phil-Man, 33 Lift Boy. 10 ran. 1l, nk, nk, ½l, hd. P Chapple-Hyam at Manton. Tote: £8.70: £2.70, £1.60, £4.50. DF: £38.60. CSF: £42.25. Tricast: £689.38. 1min 11.92sec After a stewards' enquiry, result stood

4.40 (7f) 1, SUMONDA (W R Swinburn, 11-2); 2, Lady Ann Bee (D Carter, Evens fav); 3, Miranda Jay (B Raymond, 11-4). ALSO RAN: 14 Sharp Money (4th), 4 ran. 7l, 4l, 8l, G Wragg at Newmarket. Tote: £3.20. DF: £2.20. CSF: £5.72. 1min 26.50sec.

5.10 (6f) 1, STACK ROCK (K Fallon, 17-2); 2, Darakah (J Reid, 11-2); 3, Forever Diamonds (J Fortune, 12-1); 4, Dorking Lad (C Hodgson, 14-1). ALSO RAN: 5 fav Catherines Well, 8 Amron (6th), 12 Prohibition, Jagged Edge, 14 Cronk's Courage, Spanish Realm, 20 Rancho Mirage, Olet, 25 Cheshire Club, Waverley Star (5th), B Grade, Minizen Music, 50 Mimining, 100 Akid. 18 ran. NR: Sally Fay, Densben. 1l, ½l, 1½l, 2l, 1l, E Alston at Preston. Tote: £9.60: £2.60, £2.00, £1.80, £3.30. DF: £31.70. CSF: £50.59. Tricast: £522.54. 1min 10.48sec

Placepot: £6,122.70 (0.15 tickets. Pool of £7,032.94 carried forward to Ayr today).

Newbury

Going: good to firm

2.05 (7f 64yd) 1, KNIGHT OF MERCY (Pat Eddery, 6-1); 2, Piquant (M Roberts, 5-1 fav); 3, Alkaisiah (S Cauthen, 12-1). ALSO RAN: 11-2 Balzaniba, Bournville, 7 Step High (6th), 9 Jokist, 12 Scales Of Justice (4th), 14 Quevering, Rasolute Bay (5th), Issagame, 25 Vax Lady. 12 ran. ½l, 3½l, ¾l. sh hd, 1l. R Hannon at East Everleigh. Tote: £8.50: £2.50, £1.90, £3.40. DF: £11.00. CSF: £34.85. Tricast: £325.09. 1min 28.62sec.

2.40 (5f 34yd) 1, ON TIPTOES (M Roberts, 9-2); 2, Duplicity (W Carson, 100-30); 3, Bit Of A Lark (S Parks, 12-1). ALSO RAN: 15-8 fav Sharpthorne (5th), 5 Dominio (4th), 18 Poets Cove, Rhythmic Dancer, 20 Lonsom Lass (6th), 33 Elebanne, 100 My Ducats. 10 ran. 1½l, 1½l, hd, sh hd, 5l. J Leach at Gainsborough. Tote: £5.40: £1.70, £1.60, £4.20. DF: £12.60. CSF: £19.41. 1min 01.74sec. After stewards' enquiry, result stood.

3.15 (1m 1f) 1, PORT SUNLIGHT (R Cochrane, 11-2); 2, Sir Denik (D Biggs, 7-1); 3, Run Rings (W Carson, 7-2 fav). ALSO RAN: 9-2 Sword's Point (6th), 7 Husa (4th), Caitrana, 10 Kir (5th), Pickles, 33 Macedonia, 9 ran. 4l, ½l, 4l, 2½l, ¾l. R Hannon at Everleigh. Tote: £5.40: £2.00, £2.20, £2.00. DF: £23.40. CSF: £38.66. Tricast: £137.79. 1min 52.25sec.

3.50 (1m) 1, ZINAAD (Pat Eddery, 7-1); 2, Grand Master (A Munro, 3-1); 3, Abtaam (W Carson, 11-4). ALSO RAN: 7-4 fav Esboosin (5th), 14 Rainridge (4th), 33 Sir Norman Holt (6th). 8 ran. 2½l, 2l, 1½l, ½l, 15l. M Stoute at Newmarket. Tote: £5.70: £2.50, £1.80. DF: £9.20. CSF: £25.55. 1min 39.65sec

4.25 (7f) 1, FREEWHEEL (Pat Eddery, 8-13 fav; Mandarin's nap & Newmarket Correspondent's nap); 2, Guilty Secret (W Carson, 5-1); 3, St James's Antigua (M Hills, 33-1). ALSO RAN: 8 Petal Girl (4th), 10 Miss Cressie (5th), 20 Striding Image (6th), 50 Remarry, Sharp Flyer. 8 ran. 1½l, hd, 2l, 4l, 5l. L Cumani at Newmarket. Tote: £1.60, £1.30, £1.30. £3.40. DF: £3.90. CSF: £3.82. 1min 26.51sec.

5.00 (7f 64yd) 1, BEYTON (Pat Eddery, 11-4 fav); 2, Well Appointed (A Munro, 5-1); 3, Alive And Kicking (M Hills, 9-2). ALSO RAN: 11-2 Affirmed's Destiny, 10 Salt Whistle (5th), Chaquers (4th), Kimelford, 11 inlows (6th), 12 Singers Image. 9 ran. 3l, ¾l, 2l, sh hd, nk. R Hannon at East Everleigh. Tote: £3.30: £1.30, £1.50, £1.70. DF: £5.70. CSF: £16.58. Tricast: £55.41. 1min 29.39sec. After a stewards' enquiry, result stood.

5.30 (1m 2f 8yd) 1, PENTRIDGE (Elaine Bronson, 5-1); 2, Rabbit's Foot (Clare Nicholas, 20-1); 3, Walking Saint (Shelley Dalton, 14-1); 4, To Be Fair (Sarah Hobbs, 14-1). ALSO RAN: 7-2 fav Super Morning, 7-1 Hills Of Hoy, 8 Sylvan Sirocco, 10 Charly Pharly, Bronze Runner (6th), Saville Way, 12 Kean Vision, Top Villain, 20 Enchanting Habit (5th), Beechwood Cottage, Elegant Stranger, 25 Good For A Loan, Angel Bright, 33 Mezdara, Dr Zeva, 66 Lady Lex. 20 ran. NR: Castle Clown, Xhai. 3l, 1½l, ½l, 1½l, ¾l. G Lewis at Epsom. Tote: £4.20: £1.50, £4.00, £6.30, £4.10. DF: £257.80. CSF: £109.81. Tricast: £1290.83. 2min 09.29sec

Jackpot: £6,963.40 (1.6 tickets).

Placepot: £39.80.

Huntingdon

Going: firm

2.15 (2m 100yd hdle) 1, Jenpet (G McCourt, 13-2); 2, Video Dealer (20-1); 3, Loon (5-2 fav). 11 ran. 6l, 1½l. N Tinkler. Tote: £7.50: £2.50, £5.70, £2.30. DF: £113.30. CSF: £113.19.

2.45 (2m 200yd ch) 1, Smile Again (J Osborne, 6-4); 2, Strangely Quiet (20-1); 3, Mintmaster (10-3). Also, 4-5 fav Greenhills Pride 4 ran. ¼l, 25l. Miss H Knight. Tote: £2.10. DF: £6.50. CSF: £15.34.

3.15 (2m 4f hdle) 1, Construction (Marrin Jones, 4-6 fav), 2, Midday Show (9-4); 3, Cardinal Richelieu (14-1). 3 ran. 30l, 20l. D Windle. Tote: £1.60. DF: £1.10 CSF: £1.84.

3.45 (2m 200yd ch) 1, Donnelley Lad (P Harley, 14-1); 2, Mr Quack (7-4); 3, Soulful Strut (5-1). Sam Oviac 5-4 fav 5 ran. ½l, 3l. G Oldroyd. Tote: £3.50; £3.10, £1.40. DF: £7.60. CSF: £37.26

4.15 (3m ch) 1, Netherbridge (D Meade, 16-1); 2, Bold In Combat (11-4), 3, Casino Magic (5-2). Ernestin Poets 8-11 fav 8 ran 7l, 15l. D Gandolfo. Tote: £21.30; £3.20, £1.50 DF £20.50. CSF: £57 17

4.45 (2m 100yd hdle) 1, Olivers Hill (A Maguire, 9-2); 2, Lava Falls (3-1), 3, Stanway (11-8 fav). 4 ran. 1½l, 2l. C Tinatlina Tote £5.30. DF: £8.80. CSF: £15.95

Placepot: £606.00.

Southwell

Going: good to firm

1.30 (1m 4f) 1, Patavious (N Day, 11-10 fav), 2, Quip (5-1); 3, Always Alex (12-1) 9 ran. 1½l, 2l. Lady Harries. Tote £2.60, £1.30, £2.70, £1.10 DF: £2.10 CSF: £5.92. Tricast: £36.10.

2.00 (7f) 1, Laurel Queen (N Carlisle, 5-1); 2, Unanimous (9-4 fav), 3, African Chimes (10-1). 14 ran. NR: Yonge Tender. 2l, 1½l. J Berry. Tote: £6.40; £1.80, £1.60, £2.40 DF £10.40. CSF: £17 91.

2.30 (7f) 1, Vuchterbacher (P Bowe, 13-2); 2, Sandmoor Denim (3-1 fav), 3, Nicquits (8-1). 13 ran NR: Spring High. 3½l, sh hd. P Tulk. Tote: £8.00: £2.70, £1.60, £2.00 DF: £8.30 CSF: £26.15. Tricast: £149 19. Bill Moon was first past the post but after a stewards' enquiry was disqualified and placed last.

3.00 (2m) 1, Triplicate (W Ryan, 5-1); 2, Caroles Clown (8-1), 3, Attadale (9-4 fav) 10 ran. NR: Trojan Envoy. 2½l, 4l. J Dunlop. Tote: £7.00; £2.40, £2.20, £1.20. DF: £24.80. CSF: £41 78. Tricast: £101.07

3.30 (6f) 1, Magnificent (G Duffield, 10-1); 2, Stapleton (11-2); 3, Mountain Ash (2-1). Appealing Times 11-8 fav. 10 ran ½l, sh hd. M Jarvis. Tote: £9.80, £1.90, £2.20, £1.70 DF: £45.80 CSF: £57 92.

4.00 (1m 4f) 1, Belton (M Wood, 12-1); 2, Lismey Spark (10-1), 3, Be Devious (14-1) Namesie 10-11 fav. 10 ran NR Boomerang nk, 2l. Jimmy Fitzgerald. Tote £13 00; £2.10, £4.70, £4 00. DF: £58 30. CSF: £127.08.

4.30 (6f) 1, Ghalyoon (G Hind, 11-4), 2, Gold Belt (5-1), 3, Caldeman (25-1). Bonica 11-8 fav. 10 ran. 1½l, 1½l. P Walwyn. Tote: £3.90; £1.50, £1.80, £6.80. DF: £9.80. CSF: £18.55. Placepot: £70.80.

Jones stays put in merry-go-round

Nicholas Harling on the return of basketball after the usual close-season manoeuvrings

THE only surprise in a basketball close-season would be if there were no surprises. The past four months have been no exception.

Of all those clubs contributing to this weekend's opening programme, Thames Valley Tigers and Manchester have tried hardest to provide the farcical element. Their antics began when Manchester went into liquidation and Tigers made their former England coach, David Titmuss, general manager. Tigers duly hired Jeff Jones, Manchester's coach. But not for long.

Trafford Council's decision to bail Giants out and move them from Stretford to Urmston met with a change of heart from Jones, even though most of his best players had left, two of them — Obaseki and St Kitts — for Tigers. Jones decided against uprooting and, without ever seeing his new charges in action, returned to coach what was left of the Manchester team, taking with him Brandt Johnson, the American he had signed for Tigers.

Bearing in mind that Jones was never the most popular figure at Bracknell following some acrimonious matches between the clubs, the next meeting between them a week today at Bracknell might double its attraction value.

The fortunes of Sunderland and London Docklands (now London Towers) have also been in sharp contrast during the summer. Sunderland's perennial financial problems have finally taken a grip with the loss of most of the squad that won the cup and were league runners-up. Dave Elderkin's coaching will have to be at its best to keep them off the bottom.

Where Sunderland have lost money, London have suddenly found it, from Satra, the multi-national trading group. With the arrival of the Scantlebury brothers, the club should be far more powerful at Newham. Joe White is the new coach following Nigel Acres's resignation.

All of which leaves Kingston as likely winners again of every domestic honour in sight, whatever their commitments in Europe. Kevin Cadle's squad should be no weaker for the loss of Gordon, to Belgium, Duncan, to Hemel Hempstead, and Clark (retired). Saunders (from Sunderland) and Miller (from Manchester) have both arrived as has Irish, who returns after two years' inactivity. As luck would have it, newly-promoted Birmingham, Kingston's visitors tonight, may be without their new Americans, whose work permits have been delayed.

GUIDE TO THE WEEKEND FIXTURES

FOOTBALL

3.00 unless stated

Barclays League First division

Arsenal v Sheffield Utd..
Aston Villa v Notts Forest
Everton v Coventry
Leeds v Liverpool..
Manchester Utd v Luton..
Notts County v Norwich
Oldham v Crystal Palace..
QPR v Chelsea..
Sheffield Wed v Southampton
West Ham v Manchester City
Wimbledon v Tottenham

Second division

Bristol Rovers v Oxford..
Derby v Brighton
Ipswich v Bristol City
Leicester v Blackburn..
Millwall v Newcastle
Plymouth v Middlesbrough
Port Vale v Southend
Portsmouth v Cambridge..
Sunderland v Grimsby
Tranmere v Barnsley
Watford v Charlton
Wolves v Swindon

Third division

Bolton v Wigan..
Chester v West Bromwich
Darlington v Brentford..
Fulham v Leyton Orient
Hartlepool v Birmingham
Huddersfield v Bournemouth
Hull v Torquay
Peterborough v Exeter
Preston v Stoke
Reading v Bradford C..
Shrewsbury v Swansea..
Stockport v Bury

Fourth division

Burnley v Rochdale..
Cardiff v Scarborough
Gillingham v Barnet
Lincoln v Chesterfield
Northampton v Carlisle
Rotherham v Maidstone
Scunthorpe v Crewe
Walsall v Hereford
York v Wrexham..

GM Vauxhall Conference

Barrow v Farnborough..
Cheltenham v Colchester
Gateshead v Merthyr..
Kettering v Kidderminster
Northwich v Boston
Redbridge Forest v Altrincham
Runcorn v Bath
Stafford v Slough
Welling v Witton
Wycombe v Macclesfield
Yeovil v Telford

B and Q Scottish League Premier division

Aberdeen v Hibernian
Celtic v Airdrie
Hearts v Dundee Utd
Motherwell v Dunfermline
St Johnstone v Falkirk
St Mirren v Rangers..

First division

Ayr v Meadowbank..
Dundee v Kilmarnock
Hamilton v Clydebank
Partick v Montrose
Raith v Morton..
Stirling v Forfar

Second division

Arbroath v Brechin..
Cowdenbeath v East Fife..
East Stirling v Dumbarton..
Queen of South v Stranraer
Queen's Park v Albion
Stenhousemuir v Alloa

DIADORA LEAGUE: Premier division: Carshalton v Aylesbury, Enfield v Windsor and Eton; Harrow v Dagenham, Hendon v Bishop's Stortford; Kingstonian v Sutton Utd; Wivenhoe v Woking. First division: Dulwich v Harlow; Heybridge Swifts v Whyteleafe. Second division: Berkhamsted v Egham, Lewes v Hemel Hempstead; Malden Vale v Hungerford, Newbury v Billericay; Southall v Metropolitan Police, Ware v Ruislip Manor; Witham v Southwick, Worthing v Saffron Walden. Third division: Collier Row v Bracknell, Cove v Thame; Epsom and Ewell v Clapton; Flackwell Heath v Chertsey; Hertford v Edgware; Horsham v Royston, Kingsbury v Petersfield, Tring v Eastbourne

HFS LOANS LEAGUE: Premier division: Bangor City v Shepshed, Droylsden v Chorley; Fleetwood v Hyde, Frickley v Accrington, Horwich v Bishop Auckland; Leek Town v Stalybridge, Morecambe v Emley. First division: Curzon Ashton v Harrogate; Guiseley v Lancaster City; Irlam v Netherfield, Knowsley v Farsley Celtic, Rossendale v Bridlington Town.

BEAZER HOMES LEAGUE: Premier division: Cambridge City v Gloucester, Dartford v Burton, Dover v Wealdstone, VS Rugby v Gravesend; Worcester v Fisher Athletic. Southern division: Braintree v Dunstable, Burnham v Sudbury, Buckingham v Havant, Bury v Hythe, Hastings v Newport IOW, Weymouth v Ashford, Witney v Bittingbourne. Midland division: Hinckley v Yate, King's Lynn v Solihull Borough; RC Warwick v Bilston, Stroud v Heanesford, Sutton Coldfield v Leicester Utd.

NEVILLE OVENDEN COMBINATION: Southampton v Arsenal.

IRISH BUDWEISER CUP: First round: Ballymena v Crusaders, Carrick v Distillery; Cliftonville v Bangor, Coleraine v Linfield; Glenavon v Portadown, Glentoran v Ballyclare; Larne v Omagh, Newry v Ards.

NORTHERN COUNTIES EAST LEAGUE: Premier division: Armthorpe Welfare v Eccleshill, Denaby v Liversedge, Harrogate RA v Maltby MW, North Ferriby v Sheffield, Ossett Albion v Winterton Rangers, Pontefract Col v Belper, Sutton Town v Glasshoughton Wel; Thackley v Ossett Town

NORTHERN LEAGUE: First division: Billingham Synthonia v Gretna, Blyth Spartans v West Auckland; Easington Colliery v Langley Park Welfare, Guisborough v Tow Law, South Bank v Seaham Red Star

High Wycombe v Redruth..
Lydney v Old Colfeians
Met Police v Exeter.
Reading v Sutton and Epsom
Ruislip v Lewes
Salisbury v Clifton
Sidcup v Thurrock
Torquay Athletic v Cheshunt

North and Midlands

Fylde v Hereford
Halifax v Stourbridge
Harrogate v Nuneaton
Headingley v Paviors
Lichfield v Tynedale
Manchester v Broughton Park
Otley v Winnington Park
Roundhay v Loughborough Students
Stockton v Towcestrians
Widnes v Sheffield
Wigton v Moderns

McEwan's Scottish district championship

Anglo Scots v President's XV (at Edinburgh)
Glasgow v North and Midlands (at Stirling)
South v Edinburgh and District (at Gala)

Club matches

Abertillery v Rosslyn Park
Bedford v Aberavon
Blackheath v London Irish
Boroughmuir v Ayr
Bridgend v Saracens (2.30)
Cardiff v Bath
Ebbw Vale v Moseley
Hawick v Gala
Henot's FP v Lansdowne
Kendal v Newcastle Gosforth
Liverpool St Helens v Wakefield
Llanelli v Harlequins
Maesteg v Coventry (2.30)
Melrose v Glasgow Acads
Munster v Pontypool (at Limerick)
Newport v Cross Keys
Northampton v Leicester
Nottingham v Neath
Orrell v Waterloo
Plymouth Alb v Glamorgan Wndrs
Rugby v Sale
Selkirk v Jed-Forest
Swansea v Bristol
Tredegar v Weston super Mare
Wasps v Wanderers
West Hartlepool v Aspatria

HEINZ FOUR NATIONS CUP: (Over-34): England v Ireland (at Rochdale RFC, 2.30); Scotland v Wales (at Orrell,

Dilum can redeem lofty reputation

DILUM, *at his best*, is capable of re-entering next year's classic picture by winning the group two Rokeby Farms Mill Reef Stakes at Newbury today.

The authoritative winner of the Coventry Stakes at Royal Ascot and the Richmond Stakes at Goodwood, Dilum then fell from grace at York last month when only fourth of five in the Gimcrack Stakes, for which he started 7-4 on.

Some have blamed the over-watered track for that performance, while others have pointed out that coughing was rife *in many stables* at the time. Whatever the reason, the Dilum we saw on the Knavesmire was not a patch on the horse who had made so many friends earlier in the season.

As I am always inclined to forgive one lapse, Dilum is now taken to get back on the winning trail since reports from Whatcombe suggest he is back in the pink again.

On his Goodwood form, he has little to fear from the recent Baden-Baden winner, Showbrook, who was beaten three-and-a-half lengths in second place.

Having gone for Witness Box to win a valuable handicap at Doncaster last week, only to see him withdrawn before coming under starter's orders after gallivanting riderless over much of Town Moor, I feel obliged to give him the opportunity to atone by winning the Coral Autumn Cup. He is reportedly none the worse for that escapade.

In my view, Witness Box has not been harshly treated by the handicapper for winning at Sandown and Ascot, even though his weight now includes a 3lb penalty for winning again at York since this handicap was framed.

Last Saturday, Reg Akehurst enjoyed his first treble, either as a jockey or trainer, when he had two winners at Goodwood and a third at Doncaster.

Now he appears to have a sound chance of topping up his steadily mounting haul by winning the Courage Handicap with **Fire Top**, who arguably ran his best race at Haydock last time when trying to give that improving three-year-old General Sikorski 12lb.

On that run, Fire Top clearly holds Carnival Baby and I am more afraid now of Palatial Style and Busted Rock.

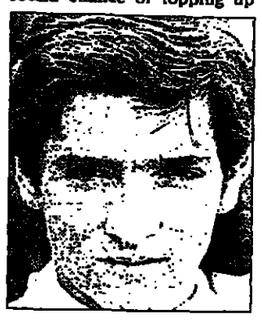
Time has shown that a two-year-old capable of making a winning debut at Chester often turns out to be above average. So I will not be surprised if the Highclere Nursery is won by **Magic Steps**, who obliged at the first time of asking on the Roodeye three weeks ago.

Her jockey, Michael Roberts, also takes the ride on the *one-time Derby favourite* Peter Davies in the Arlington Stakes. In this instance, though, I much prefer **Regal Sabre**, who ran well under a big weight in the valuable handicap won by Sky Cloud at Doncaster last Saturday.

Finally, I like the look of **Coffee Ice** in the Shadwell Estate Firth of Clyde Stakes at Ayr, where Michael Hills is napped to win the Brodick Claiming Stakes for his father, Barry, on **Green Turban** prior to rounding the day off in style on **Swordstick** in the *People-Sporting Life* Three-Year-Old Handicap.

MANDARIN

MICHAEL PHILLIPS



Hills: can spark Ayr double on Green Turban (2.00, map)

NEWBURY

MANDARIN	THUNDERER	RICHARD EVANS
1.30 Magic Steps.	1.30 Memu.	2.05 BARRISH (nap).
2.05 Witness Box.	2.05 Balasani.	4.25 Bid For Six.
2.40 Fire Top.	2.40 Fraar.	
3.15 Dilum.	3.15 Dilum.	
3.50 Regal Sabre.	3.50 Peter Davies.	
4.25 Binkhaldoun.	4.25 La Dama Bonita.	
5.00 Sigama.	5.00 Divine Pet.	

Our Newmarket Correspondent: 2.05 WITNESS BOX (nap). 4.25 Binkhaldoun.

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 2.05 BALASANI.

GUIDE TO OUR IN-LINE RACECARD

103 (12) 0-0432 GOOD TIMES 74 (CD,BF,F,G,S) (Mrs D Robinson) B Hall 9-10-0 ..... B West (4) 88

Racecard number. Draw in brackets. Six-figure form (F – fell. P – pulled up. U – unseated rider. B – brought down. S – slipped up. R – refused. D – disqualified). Horse's name. Days since last outing. J – if jumps, F – if flat. (B – blinkers. V – visor. H – hood. E – Eyeshield. C – course winner. D – distance winner. CD – course and distance winner. · BF – beaten favourite in latest race). Going on which horse has won (F – firm, good to firm, hard. G – good. S – soft, good to soft, heavy). Owner in brackets. Trainer. Age and weight. Rider plus any allowance. The Times Private Handicapper's rating.

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM — DRAW: HIGH NUMBERS BEST — SIS

1.30 HIGHCLERE NURSERY HANDICAP (2-Y-O: £8,760: 5f 34yd) (8 runners) BBC1

101	(4)	232122	TINO TERE 36 (D,BF,F,G) (P Hiton) J Berry 9-7	T Quinn	90
102	(8)	14	MEMU 16 (D,G) (Y Alkazeera) D Elsworth 8-10	W Carson	84
103	(5)	02311	HOLETOWN 7 (F) (Nimrod Company) R Hannon 8-9	Pat Eddery	95
104	(6)	45634	MYASHA 33 (BF) (J Ashenheim) Mrs L Piggott 8-8	A Munro	88
105	(2)	541	HEY BABA RIBA 15 (D,F) (J Sung) M Jarvis 8-7	W R Swinburn	94
106	(3)	1	MAGIC STEPS 22 (D,F) (Miss M Carrington-Smith) C Brittain 8-0	M Roberts	89
107	(7)	633	SAIFAN 26 (Mrs R Hawes) J Fox 7-7	D Harrison (7)	94
108	(1)	135204	MISTER BANDIT 22 (D,G) (N Callaghan) N Callaghan 7-7	Antoinette Armes (7)	99

Long handicap: Saifan 7-4, Mister Bandit 7-3.

BETTING: 5-2 *Magic Steps*, 3-1 *Holetown*, 7-2 *Tino Tere*, 6-1 *Hey Baba Riba*, 7-1 *Memu*, 10-1 *Mister Bandit*, Myasha, 14-1 Saifan.

1990: RACKETEER 8-0 D Holland (16-1) B Millman 10 ran

FORM FOCUS

TINO TERE ½l 2nd to Topstrike at Haydock (5f, good to firm); previously 3l 2nd to Alif at Warwick (5f, good to firm). MEMU 8¾l 4th to Basma at Salisbury (6f, good to firm), earlier beat Rockbourne 1½l on debut at same course (5f, good). HOLETOWN beat Pageboy sh hd at Doncaster (6f, *good to firm*); *previously beat Cheshire Annie* ¾l in Brighton (6f, good to firm) maiden. MYASHA 11 4th of 21 to Polly Proceeds in Windsor (5f, good to firm) auction race; previously 1½l 3rd to Wild Honour at Goodwood (5f, good) with MISTER BANDIT (10lb better off) 2½l 5th. HEY BABA RIBA beat Claybank 1l in Haydock (5f, good to firm) maiden. MAGIC STEPS beat Halbert sh hd at Chester (5f, good to firm). SAIFAN 2¼l 3rd to Miss Vaxette in Warwick (5f, good to firm) graduation race. *MISTER BANDIT 4l 4th to My Abbey at Chester (5f, good to firm)*. Selection: HEY BABA RIBA

2.05 CORAL AUTUMN CUP (Handicap: £24,346: 1m 5f 61yd) (14 runners) BBC1

201	(2)	063501	LIFT AND LOAD 8 (F,G,S) (G Howard-Spink) R Hannon 4-9-10	R Perham (5)	95
202	(12)	403111	WITNESS BOX 17 (F,G) (Sheikh Mohammed) J Gosden 4-9-9 (3ex)	W R Swinburn	91
203	(5)	114142	PRINCE HANNIBAL 8 (F,G) (D Hunnisett) J Dunlop 4-9-5	W Carson	92
204	(6)	0-31210	VERTEX 32 (G) (K Abdulla) R Charlton 3-9-4	Pat Eddery	88
205	(14)	210102	RINJA 15 (BF,F,G) (O Zawawi) D Arbuthnot 4-9-2	T Quinn	94
206	(11)	001116	FLOWN 26 (B,D,BF,F,G) (E Winfield) R Hannon 4-9-0	R Hills	91
207	(4)	110-204	IN PURSUIT 28 (F,G) (Lord Carnarvon) Lord Huntingdon 4-8-11	M Roberts	87
208	(7)	002336	TALOS 16 (BF,S) (K Al-Said) B Hills 3-8-8	D Holland	90
209	(13)	202014	BARRISH 9 (C,F) (A Spence) R Akehurst 5-8-6	A Munro	94
210	(1)	401001	CASTORET 15 (F,G,S) (Lady D'Avigdor-Goldsmid) J Hills 5-8-6	R Cochrane	95
211	(3)	11605-4	MISS BOBBY BENNETT 52 (F) (B Kilpatrick) M Pipe 4-8-3	E Johnson	89
212	(9)	321651	TAJ VICTORY 14 (D,G) (Sir G Brunton) Lord Huntingdon 4-8-2 (7ex)	Dale Gibson	86
213	(10)	222296	BEE BEAT 11 (Austin Stroud & Co Ltd) E Weymes 3-7-10	B Thomas (7)	89
214	(9)	00-3111	BALASANI 4 (F,G,S) (M Smith) M Pipe 5-7-7 (3ex)	J Quinn	99

Long handicap: Balasani 7-3.

BETTING: 3-1 Witness Box, 6-1 Rinja, Balasani, 8-1 Lift And Load, 10-1 Prince Hannibal, Castoret, Barrish, 12-1 Talos, 14-1 Taj Victory, Miss Bobby Bennett, 16-1 Flown, 20-1 others.

1990: FIRST VICTORY 4-9-6 W Carson (5-1) R Hannon 12 ran

FORM FOCUS

LIFT AND LOAD beat Comelock 2½l at Doncaster (1m 4f, good to firm). WITNESS BOX, withdrawn after bolting at Doncaster last week, easily beat Kiska 2½l at York (1m 6f, good to firm); earlier beat BARRISH (10lb better off) 5l at Sandown (1m 6f, good to firm) in July. PRINCE HANNIBAL ½l 2nd to Pharamineux at Goodwood (1m 4f, good to firm). VERTEX beat Collins Avenue ½l (pair clear) in Newmarket (1m 4f, good) amateur race on penultimate start. RINJA beat Wick Pound 4l at Warwick (1m 7f, good to firm) in July; earlier beat Local Derby neck in valuable Royal Ascot (1m 4f, good) handicap with LIFT AND LOAD (8lb better off) 3½l 6th, BARRISH (8lb better off) 3¾l 7th, CASTORET 10th and WITNESS BOX 11th. FLOWN beat Mrs Barton ¾l at Bath (1m 5f, firm) on penultimate start with BEE BEAT staying-on 9¾l 6th. IN PURSUIT 3½l 4th to Dom Wac at Sandown (1m 3f 70yd, good to firm) with FLOWN never dangerous 17¾l 6th. TALOS 2¼l 3rd to Michelotti at York (1m 6f, good) on penultimate start with VERTEX tailed off 10th. BARRISH 1½l 4th to Rojan at Doncaster (1m 6f 132yd, good to firm) CASTORET beat RINJA (same terms) ¾l at Kempton (1m 6f, good to firm). MISS BOBBY BENNETT *5l 4th to Tidemark at Goodwood (1m 4f, good)*. TAJ VICTORY beat Red Rainbow nk at Kempton (1m 4f, good). BALASANI beat Thibaan 5l at Sandown (1m 6f, good to firm). Selection: BALASANI

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS	Winners	Runners	Per cent	JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	Per cent
M Pipe	3	5	60.0	D Holland	4	19	21.1
H Cecil	31	90	34.4	Pat Eddery	55	295	18.6
Lord Huntingdon	3	15	20.0	W Carson	46	271	17.0
M Stoute	21	116	18.1	M Roberts	27	199	13.5
J Gosden	7	44	15.9	T Quinn	22	175	12.6
W Hern	17	108	15.7	W R Swinburn	21	183	11.5

(Not including yesterday's results)

2.40 COURAGE LIMITED HANDICAP (£24,485: 1m 2f 6yd) (11 runners) BBC1

301	(4)	150228	SONG OF SIXPENCE 29 (CD,F,G,S) (P Mellon) I Balding 7-9-10	R Cochrane	92
302	(1)	012532	FIRE TOP 14 (D,F,G) (Mrs A Valentine) R Akehurst 8-9-8	Pat Eddery	92
303	(2)	10-8411	PALATIAL STYLE 31 (D,F,G) (Skyline Racing Ltd) M H Easterby 4-8-7	M Birch	93
304	(3)	1-20364	FRAAR 15 (F,S) (Hamdan Al-Maktoum) H Thomson Jones 3-8-5	R Hills	87
305	(5)	311102	CARNIVAL BABY 14 (D,F,S) (J Mabee) M Stoute 3-8-13	W R Swinburn	92
306	(8)	12364	BRIDAL TRAIN 16 (F) (M Obersteln) Lord Huntingdon 3-8-11	D Holland	90
307	(6)	112210	BUSTED ROCK 49 (D,BF,F,G) (H Furuoka) Mrs L Piggott 6-8-11	A Munro	94
308	(7)	540-51	ANDRATH 16 (F) (Dowager Lady Beaverbrook) C Brittain 3-8-10 (4ex)	M Roberts	88
309	(10)	000236	BOLD BOSTONIAN 31 (G) (G Cornbert) H Candy 3-8-2	Ampholette Armes (7)	92
310	(9)	4-10416	MODESTO 30 (B,D,G,S) (D Bass) K Cunningham-Brown 3-8-0	S Dawson	99
311	(11)	2025-20	COOL RUN 15 (D,F,G,S) (Mrs M Thomas) B McMahon 6-8-0	Dale Gibson	94

Long handicap: Modesto 7-11, Cool Run 7-11.

BETTING: 3-1 Palatial Style, 7-2 Fire Top, 9-2 Song Of Sixpence, 11-2 Busted Rock, 13-2 Carnival Baby, 8-1 Fraar, 10-1 *Bridal Train*, 16-1 others

1990: LORD OF TUSMORE 3-8-2 W Carson (3-1 fav) B Hills 10 ran

FORM FOCUS

SONG OF SIXPENCE 5l 6th to Turtkong in group III *Sprint-Rennen at Baden-Baden (1m 2f, good)*; earlier 1½l 2nd to Iltihaad at Goodwood (1m 2f, good to firm) with FIRE TOP (1lb better off) 3l 5th and BUSTED ROCK 8¼l 8th. FIRE TOP 3l 2nd to General Sikorski at Haydock (1m 2f 120yd, good to firm) with CARNIVAL BABY (2lb better off) nk 3rd PALATIAL STYLE beat Dawn Success 2l at York (1m 1f, good) with BOLD BOSTONIAN staying-on 5¼l 6th FRAAR 14½l 4th to Selkirk in listed race at Kempton (1m, good to firm). CARNIVAL BABY beat *City Soiree 4l at Salisbury (1m 2f, good to soft)* in June. BRIDAL TRAIN staying-on 6¼l 4th to Sheima in listed race at York (1m 1f, good to firm). BUSTED ROCK beat Barford Lad 1½l at Yarmouth (1m 2f, good) on penultimate start. ANDRATH beat Muban 2½l in York (1m 4f, good to firm) maiden. MODESTO beat Charcoal Burner 1l in Kempton (1m 2f, good to soft) claimer on penultimate start. Selection: SONG OF SIXPENCE

3.15 ROKEBY FARMS MILL REEF STAKES (Group II. 2-Y-O: £36,486: 6f 8yd) (5 runners) BBC1

401	(5)	21114	DILUM 31 (D,BF,G,S) (F Salman) P Cole 9-1	A Munro	99
402	(3)	215122	SHOWBROOK 22 (D,F,G) (A Budge (Equine) Ltd) R Hannon 9-1	W Carson	88
403	(2)	2110	CHANGING TIMES 41 (B,D,BF,G,S) (F Salman) W Jarvis 8-11	T Quinn	91
404	(4)	1	JEUNE 58 (D,G) (Sir R McAlpine) G Wragg 8-11	W R Swinburn	70
405	(1)	151	SEAL RING 15 (D,F,G) (K Abdulla) G Harwood 8-11	Pat Eddery	96

BETTING: Evens Dilum, 5-2 Showbrook, 5-1 Seal Ring, 8-1 Jeune, 10-1 Changing Times

1990: TIME GENTLEMEN 8-11 W Carson (9-2) J Dunlop 7 ran

FORM FOCUS

DILUM below-par 7¾l 4th to River Falls in group II Gimcrack Stakes at York (6f, good). previously comfortably beat SHOWBROOK (same terms) 3½l in group II Richmond Stakes at Goodwood (6f, good). SHOWBROOK beat Waltown 1½l in group II Moet and Chandon Rennen at Baden-Baden (6f, good). CHANGING TIMES last behind Bradsyn Breever at Leopardstown (6f, good to firm), previously beat Gold Desert 1l at York (6f, good). JEUNE beat Lonesome Train 2¼l at Yarmouth (6f, good). SEAL RING beat Final Finish 5l in nursery at Kempton (6f, good to firm). Selection: DILUM

3.50 ARLINGTON STAKES (£4,503: 1m 7yd) (9 runners)

501	(7)	025122	MANGO MANILA 50 (BF,G,S) (R Del Rosario) C Horgan 5-9-4	R Hills	78
502	(2)	643300	SHARPALTO 42 (G) (Millgrew Bloodstock) E Wheeler 4-9-4	Dale Gibson	69
503	(9)	115-00	BRAVEFOOT 15 (B,C,F,G) (Lord Rothenwick) W Hern 3-9-2	W R Swinburn	89
504	(2)	411-	HEART OF DARKNESS 378 (C,F) (P Mellon) I Balding 3-9-2	R Cochrane	89
505	(6)	111-0	PETER DAVIES 129 (D,BF,F,G,S) (T Wade) H Cecil 3-9-2	M Roberts	99
506	(5)	234044	REGAL SABRE 7 (F,G) (A Budge (Equine) Ltd) R Hannon 3-9-0	W Carson	88
507	(3)	540414	GREEN'S FERNELEY 14 (D,F,G) (A Abdulla) R Charlton 3-8-10	Pat Eddery	95
508	(4)	444000	ALMASA 28 (F,G) (Mrs R Hawes) J Fox 3-8-5	J Williams	84
509	(1)	12	COLLIDE 65 (D,S) (Major M Wyatt) H Candy 3-8-5	W Newnes	93

BETTING: 5-2 Regal Sabre, 11-4 Peter Davies, 7-2 Heart Of Darkness, 13-2 Green's Ferneley, 15-2 Collide, 12-1 Mango Manila, 16-1 Braveloot

1990: IF MEMORY SERVES 4-9-0 Pat Eddery (9-4 fav) J Gosden 8 ran

4.25 EBF HARWELL MAIDEN STAKES (2-Y-O: £4,565: 6f 8yd) (22 runners)

601	(16)		BID FOR SIX (W Hawkings) R Hannon 9-0	W R Swinburn	—
602	(9)		BIG BLUE (Mrs C Miller) C Brittain 9-0	M Roberts	—
603	(20)		BINKHALDOUN (Hamdan Al-Maktoum) H Thomson Jones 9-0	R Hills	—
604	(13)	6	BRIMPTON BERTIE 7 (Brimpton Holdings Ltd) C Horgan 9-0	Dale Gibson	—
605	(15)	0	COURAGEOUS KNIGHT 70 (T Bucknall) R Hannon 9-0	R Perham (5)	—
606	(14)	00	CRETOES DANCER 11 (Mrs W Dng) W Muir 9-0	W Newnes	80
607	(6)		EXPRESS SERVICE (Avon Industries Ltd) P Makin 9-0	A Munro	—
608	(18)		GLASGOW 6 (G) (Sheikh Mohammed) B Hills 9-0	R Street	—
609	(19)		HARDLINER (D Adams) J Shaw 9-0	R Cochrane	—
610	(22)	08	HOPEFUL BID 28 (N Capon) R Hannon 9-0	Pat Eddery	80
611	(8)		INDIAN DECISION (V Makya) J Dunlop 9-0	J Williams	—
612	(3)		NAEL (Hamdan Al-Maktoum) C Benstead 9-0	W Carson	—
613	(4)	0	NOCATCH5M 10 (K Al-Said) B Hills 9-0	D Holland	—
614	(7)		RISK MASTER (T Sumner) C Horgan 9-0	A Clark	—
615	(1)	50	SIZZLING AFFAIR 15 (D Ancil) T Casey 9-0	J Quinn	60
616	(12)	0	SUPREME BOY 25 (The Superlatives) P Harris 9-0	M Birch	—
617	(11)	33	KAY BEEYOU 39 (D Mushens) T Thomson Jones 8-9		89
618	(10)	4	LA DAMA BONITA 19 (C Wright) D Arbuthnot 8-9	T Quinn	99
619	(21)		PREAMBLE (M Usher) M Usher 8-9	N Adams	—
620	(2)		ROSE OF MACMILLION (H Chisman) Mrs B Waring 8-8	N Howe	—
621	(17)		WASEELA (Sheikh Ahmed Al Maktoum) A Scott 8-8	S Dawson	—
622	(5)	0	WRYCREST 19 (Miss M Sheriffs) R Charlton 8-8	S Raymont	—

BETTING: 11-4 Binkhaldoun, 3-1 Bid For Six, 6-1 La Dama Bonita, 13-2 Courageous Knight, 7-1 Noctacham, 8-1 Kay Beeyou, 10-1 Indian Decision, 12-1 Nael, 16-1 others.

1990: JUNK BOND 9-0 S Raymont (25-1) R Charlton 18 ran

5.00 LEVY BOARD HANDICAP (£4,012: 5f 34yd) (12 runners)

1	(5)	060002	OUR FREDDIE 7 (HB, CD,F,G,S) (T Mills Ltd) W Carter 7-9-11	G Cresalock	96
2	(11)	043246	VICEROY 10 (B,D,F,G) (F Gemme) W Pearce 4-9-8	R Cochrane	97
3	(4)	632126	LAKE MISTASSINI 70 (D,BF,F,G,S) (J Lambton) G Pritchard-Gordon 4-9-7	W Hood	96
4	(8)	002021	SIGAMA 2 (D,BF,F) (Mrs G Lee) F Lee 5-9-7 (5ex)	D Harrison (7)	98
5	(1)	108040	*SO RHYTHMICAL 10 (D,F,G,S) (Miss C Barrow)* G Eden 7-9-3	*A Munro*	91
6	(6)	350100	CITY LINK PET 22 (CD,F,G) (R Thomas) D Wilson 5-8-12	D Holland	93
7	(9)	043400	LOFT BOY 44 (B,D,F,G,S) (Mrs B Allwright) J Bethell 8-8-12	W R Swinburn	95
8	(2)	131600	BEATLE SONG 7 (G) (C Hill) C Hill 3-8-11	R Perham (5)	91
9	(3)	406110	DIVINE PET 28 (CD,F,G) (Mrs A Taylor) W Wightman 8-8-6	J Williams	95
10	(10)	400004	CHILIBOY 7 (B,D,BF,F) (Mrs H Heinz) J Dunlop 4-8-5	Pat Eddery	89
11	(12)	004003	JOE SUGDEN 7 (D,F,G,S) (J Amass) P Howling 7-8-5	M Roberts	96
12	(7)	210010	KABCAST 3 (B,D,F,G,S) (Mrs M Marshall) D Chapman 6-7-13	W Carson	93

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FORM FOCUS

TELL NO LIES beat Sir Dank 1l at York (1m 1f, good to firm) latest start with DOUBLE ENTENDRE (4lb better off) ½l 3rd and QUALITAIR SOUND (11lb better off) *never dangerous* 12th. LANGTRY LADY 2l 2nd to Well Furnished at Kempton (1m, good) with POTERIUM (5lb better off) 1¼l 14th. BEYOND OUR REACH 1¾l 3rd to Madaffer at Doncaster (1m, good to firm). ASSIGNMENT 2¾l 5th to Maenun at Goodwood (6f, good to firm). NORDIC BRAVE beat Salmino 2l here (7f, good to firm) with TAKENHALL (3lb better off) ¾l 3rd three days ago. TAKENHALL beat Go Executive neck at York (7f, good to firm) on penultimate start with SAGEBRUSH ROLLER (8lb better off) 8¾l 7th and NORDIC BRAVE (6lb better off) 7l 14th. FOOLISH TOUCH 4l 4th to Polonez Prima at Newmarket (7f, good). LEAVE IT TO LIB made all to beat Guapa 1¾l at Thirsk (1m, firm) NEVADA MIX head 2nd to Procentor at Pontefract (6f, firm) Selection: TELL NO LIES

3.40 PHILIP CORNES INTERNATIONAL FREIGHT SERVICES HANDICAP (3-Y-O: £4,815: 7f) (12 runners) C4

1	(11)	531502	SALMINO 3 (CD,F,G) (Mrs H Calzini) Mrs G Reveley 9-7	M Hills	99
2	(6)	6-03100	VILANY 35 (D,G) (Mrs P Kalman) M Tompkins 8-11	C Hodgson (5)	94
3	(9)	533140	EN ATTENDANT 11 (G) (Exors of late B Newton) B Hanbury 8-7	Dean McKeown	93
4	(2)	243463	FENTON LAKE 14J (G) (J Lambton) G Pritchard-Gordon 8-4	G Carter	97
5	(7)	511285	*NORTHERN SPARK 24 (D,G) (G Brittain)* C Thornton 8-4	J Fortune	94
6	(12)	120556	ARMATI 2 (D,F,G) (L McMullan) M Johnston 8-4	K Fallon	93
7	(1)	0-05310	MUMMY'S EMERALD 3 (CD,F,S) (A Lyons) C Booth 8-2	A Culhane	91
8	(5)	623030	HIGHLAND MAGIC 3 (D) (P Fetherston-Godley) M Fetherston-Godley 8-1	C Rutter	96
9	(5)	044800	COLWAY DOMINION 70 (V,G) (K Stringer) J Watts 8-0	J Lowe	92
10	(4)	00-9031	BOLD ARABELLA 96 (D,G) (Heathavon Stables Ltd) J Berry 7-12	N Carlisle	88
11	(10)	200400	WARRIOR PRINCE 2 (F) (Desmond Racing Ltd) R Whitaker 7-7	N Kennedy (7)	98
12	(3)	430320	PARLIAMENTARY 37 (M Brittain) M Brittain 7-7	S Maloney (5)	87

Long handicap: Warrior Prince 7-5, Parliamentary 7-2.

BETTING: 4-1 Highland Magic, 5-1 Armati, 7-1 Mummy's Emerald, Bold Arabella, 8-1 Northern Spark, 8-1 Vilany, 10-1 Salmino, 12-1 Parliamentary, 14-1 Fenton Lake, 16-1 others.

1990: WRYBILL 9-7 A Cruz (3-1 fav) R Charlton 14 ran

FORM FOCUS

SALMINO 2l 2nd to Nordic Brave over course and distance (good to firm) on Wednesday with MUMMY'S EMERALD 9l 9th. Earlier beat Super Benz ½l over course and distance (good) with ARMATI (11lb better off) 6l 5th. VILANY beat Victoria Road 1½l at Chester (7f, good) in May with HIGHLAND MAGIC (7lb better off) ½l 3rd. FENTON LAKE beat Tracy's Prince ¾l in Stratford (2m, good to firm) novices' hurdle. Earlier on Flat ½l 3rd to Macs Meharanee at Redcar (6l, good to firm) with NORTHERN SPARK (3lb better off) 6l 5th. NORTHERN SPARK head 2nd to Petroco at York (6l, good) in July with COLWAY DOMINION (2lb better off) 9l

Free of the chains that bound him

Life in the rarified atmosphere at the top of the second division is a welcome change for Lennie Lawrence after years of suffocation with Charlton. Clive White finds football's great escapologist at Middlesbrough

Some escape artist Lennie Lawrence is turning out to be at Ayresome Park — a five point lead in the second division, thanks to six consecutive victories. Where's the challenge in that? Harry Houdini would turn in his grave.

Middlesbrough's aim, however, is not to handcuff Lawrence but give him the freedom which Charlton Athletic, his former club, too rarely did, to realise his full potential as a manager and theirs as a club. The art of escapology is one of Lawrence's qualities they can happily do without.

In the nine years he spent with Charlton as the country's third longest-serving manager with one club, after Brian Clough and Joe Royle, he achieved some near miraculous escapes. But none was greater than that whereby, in July, he eventually released himself of the emotional chains which held him to Charlton. There were financial ones, too; this was to be his testimonial year.

"You can't be at a club that long and go through all the things that I went through without there being a tremendous bond," he said. "I've gone through things that nobody else has gone through at one club [five chairmen, three boards of directors, two grounds — including one eviction — and one liquidation].

"It was a memorable experience but it was time to move on. If I hadn't gone to Middlesbrough when I did, perhaps I'd have stayed there forever, maybe become general manager earlier than I'd anticipated.

"It was best for me and it was best for Charlton. They've started pretty well. Alan Curbishley and Steve Gritt are fresh and enthusiastic. That's what they needed there."

Lawrence reckoned that was what was needed too, at Middlesbrough, except not an internal promotion. Obviously that was what the board thought, too. They were even prepared to go down to "the smoke" to get their man. If Dave Bassett could pull up his roots and leave London, why not Lawrence? "There's sunshine every day here, I can't believe it," Lawrence said.

The club was in a "little bit of turmoil, to say the least", when he arrived with eight players on the transfer list. Within four weeks there was none. He had sold the lot. A new broom never swept clean so fast. But then Lawrence was used to selling.

"There are buying clubs and selling clubs," he said upon joining Middlesbrough. "For the first time I'm with a buying club." Evidence of that came with the purchase of Willie Falconer — the "bargain of the year" for £325,000 — and Paul Wilkinson — "another bargain" — for £475,000, both from Watford, Curtis Fleming (£60,000 from St Patrick's) and Ian Ironside (£40,000 plus from Scarborough). Good housekeeping habits die hard and at the end of all the comings and goings Lawrence was £100,000 in the black.

The pre-arranged pre-season programme, believe it or not, left Middlesbrough ill-prepared for the start of the season, according to Lawrence. They lost two of their first three games after which they had a long chat as a group and individually. "From then on it's taken off. There's some good professionals here. The side is well balanced and Falconer and Wilkinson (who have scored nine goals between them) have bedded down quickly and helped those around them."

Five wins out of five at home without conceding a goal have reminded Lawrence of the benefits of playing on a ground that you can call exclusively your own. "And I'd never known what it was like to have a crowd like this." Middlesbrough averaged 16,000 last season, Charlton 6,000 — which brings us, inevitably, to Charlton's return to the Valley.

"I'd have to say it was a terrible decision to leave [the Valley] in the first place and it's probably the right decision to go back there. But as each month goes by, the correctness of that decision comes into doubt. Indirectly, there's a link between selling players and returning to the Valley and it seems to be going on forever. Had it not been for the sterling efforts of the staff they'd have fallen down a big black hole."

If Lawrence suffered from vertigo he was not about to let on. "It's a pleasure," he said, appreciatively, when asked what it was like to be on top for a change. "The potential is here to be a first division club. If we're fortunate enough to get there some time in the future, the club has got the commercial back up and financial support necessary to stay there. If you haven't got that in this day and age then you can stay in the top league as a small club but sooner or later all clubs return to their own level."

JOHN HOPPS



Fresh start: Lawrence is enjoying life on Teesside after years of struggle in London

RUGBY UNION

Students provide the last mock exam for England

By DAVID HANDS, RUGBY CORRESPONDENT

TODAY is the end of the beginning for countries preparing for the World Cup. No more warm-up games, only the real thing leering round the corner of the month's end. The fine tuning will be confined to training camps, in England's case in the heart of the Hampshire countryside where the players will gather next Thursday.

After they have disposed, that is, of England Students at Cambridge today. Likewise the Irish squad arrives at Gloucester in the hope of removing the egg from faces which looked somewhat embarrassed at Malone last weekend, while the Welsh retreat to Tenby for what was intended as a holiday weekend for wives and girlfriends but which will contain some hard talking about the fitness prospects of Ieuan Evans and Mark Ring.

Geoff Cooke, the England team manager, likened his players (aptly enough, since they rendezvoused at Selwyn College yesterday) to students awaiting examinations: "It's only two weeks away and you wish you had another month to work in," he said. "Whatever you do fitness-wise or in skill preparation, there is no substitute for the real thing, match practice."

England's two games so far, against the Soviet Union and Gloucester, have been useful and the students will offer even greater variety. Particularly if, under the direction of Jack Rowell and Les Cusworth, they can pick up where they left off last month on tour in Canada, concluding six matches with a 24-10 victory over a British Columbia President's XV.

"A number of players enhanced their reputation and it was good to see the senior players justifying faith in them," Pat Briggs, who managed the tour, said, though pointing out a lack of depth in certain areas. The students have their own world cup in Italy next summer to aim for but today they will look to Rupert Moon to galvanise matters in his own inimitable way and bring the best out of a back division which includes Audley Lumsden, the England B full back heading for Oxford University in the coming academic year.

Briggs was delighted at the progress made on tour by his tight forwards, who will be all too aware that they face England's grand slam pack — the same eight forwards who, in all likelihood, will play New Zealand in the opening match of the World Cup in twelve days time. Dewi Morris comes in for his first game at scrum half (where Moon may be said to be his closest competitor as deputy to Richard Hill) and Simon Halliday, having played outside centre in the 34-4 win over Gloucester, moves to inside centre.

The host unions have not made themselves universally popular with the World Cup authorities by organising these games after the date (September 9) which prohibited the playing of internationals. The preparatory games infringed, it was suggested, the spirit of the World Cup regulations but then, a popular sport within a sport these days is the discovery of loopholes in rugby's laws and, sadly, it is all too easy.

ENGLAND XV: J Webb (Bath); N Heslop (Orrell), S Halliday (Harlequins), J Guscott (Bath), R Underwood (Leicester); R Andrew (Wasps, captain), D Morris (Orrell); J Leonard (Harlequins), B Moore (Harlequins), J Probyn (Askeans), M Teague (Gloucester), P Ackford (Harlequins), W Dooley (Preston Grasshoppers), P Winterbottom (Harlequins), D Richards (Leicester).

ENGLAND STUDENTS: A Lumsden (Bath University); A Parton (Cambridge University), M Preston (Harpur Adams AC), L Boyle (Leicester Polytechnic), H Thornaycroft (Trent Polytechnic); D Willetts (Exeter University), R Moon (Polytechnic of Wales, captain); C Clark (Swansea University), T Beddow (Cheltenham and Gloucester College), J Mallett (West London IHE), C Tarbuck (West London IHE), A Millward (Loughborough University), S Shortland (Loughborough University), M Pepper (Leeds Polytechnic), E Peters (Loughborough University).

Referee: E Morrison (Bristol).

Leeds face threat of Wales' finest

By CLIVE WHITE

IT WILL be of no consolation to Leeds United to know, but should they succumb to Liverpool today at Elland Road — they have never beaten the Merseysiders home or away in 19 attempts — they will find themselves in the very best of company — Germany no less.

Liverpool will bestow upon Leeds the dubious privilege of being the first league team to face what is arguably the most potent attacking force in British football today — Ian Rush and Dean Saunders.

The pair have been prevented so far from uniting their prolific goalscoring talents in the the cause of Liverpool because of Rush's Achilles tendon injury, which is only recently healed. But in the past 11 months they have appeared together in four European championship ties for Wales and between them scored five of of their country's six goals, bringing Germany, Belgium and Luxembourg to their knees in the process.

The good news for Leeds is that Rush is, by the estimation of Graeme Souness, the Liverpool manager, only 80 per cent fit. The bad news is that the player is, by the estimation of that same knowledgeable source, "still better than the rest, even at 80 per cent fitness".

Any game involving Liverpool is an examination for the opposition but one cannot help feeling that it is Liverpool, in particular, who will have their mettle tested at Elland Road. Last season, Liverpool scraped home 5-4 in this fixture after losing a four-goal half-time lead — and Leeds are an improved side.

With the exception of Leeds, Manchester United are the only unbeaten team in the first division and are likely to remain so for a while longer, judging by Luton Town's past and present records.

The Bedfordshire club, which has yet to win away from home this season, has never come away with as much as a point from Old Trafford. A £200,000 sponsorship deal signed yesterday with Universal Salvage Auctions may serve to strengthen their resolve. Shirts bearing the logo USA may help them to think big.

MATCH BY MATCH GUIDE TO THE FIRST DIVISION

Arsenal v Sheffield U

Without Beasley, Cowan, Barnes, Hartfield and Lucas, Sheffield United might be hard pressed to provide a stemer test for Arsenal than Austria Vienna did in midweek. Where there is Deane there is hope, though. Groves is favourite to take over from Limpar, who resumes his domestic suspension. Arsenal will need to come down from cloud nine if they are to win this one in style, too. "We've got to forget Europe for a while and make the League our priority," George Graham said.

Aston Villa v Nottm Forest

Villa's season continues to splutter along, but should Daley and Atkinson be fit today they could be firing on all cylinders. At least, it is not a Wednesday. Their defeat at Stamford Bridge was their fourth on a Wednesday this season. Gage and Blake, two of the old guard, are back in contention. Williams and Chettle continue to deputise for Pearce (suspended) and Walker (injured) in the Forest defence.

Everton v Coventry

It might be said of both these clubs that they occupy false positions; Coventry (4th) would claim that they have earned the right to be there. Without Gallacher, who will be out for at least a week with a knee injury, they might find it hard to stay there, though. Everton (17th) are still without Ratcliffe and Harper but should take heart from the midweek win at Maine Road.

Leeds v Liverpool

The acid test for Leeds? Strachan makes his 100th league appearance as Leeds defend an eight-match unbeaten run. Speed has recovered from an ankle injury. Fairclough is expected to begin his comeback from injury in the reserves next week. It is a case of happy and sad returns for Liverpool. Grobbelaar returns after being omitted from Liverpool's team of four foreigners for Europe and McMahon returns to his domestic suspension.

Manchester U v Luton

Not the most likely of moments for Luton to gain their first ever point at Old Trafford, never mind victory. Robson returns after missing the Cup Winners' Cup tie through suspension but United, unbeaten in eight starts, are without Parker (hamstring) and Kanchelskis (international duty). Telfer, aged 19, could start a first division match for the first time in place of McDonough, who injured a knee in training. Gray returns after missing two games with a calf injury



Deane: cutting Blade

Notts County v Norwich

Norwich are poised to give Bell, once of Arsenal, his debut in midfield. Changes in attack would be more pertinent. Phillips continues at right back in place of Culverhouse. Neil Warnock, the County manager, was "most impressed" by Norwich in their win over Sheffield Wednesday in midweek. He was also pleased with the performance of his own team and selects the same eleven again plus, possibly, Regis if he has recovered from a rib injury.

Oldham v Crystal Palace

"Palace are very good up front and it is going to be a hard and physical test," Joe Royle, the Oldham manager, said. Clearly he has not seen Palace recently. Palace have problems. Thorn is now suspended like Martyn, and Thomas and Shaw are still not fit enough to resume. Osborn, Southgate, Bodin and Woodman are included in the squad. Hallworth, Snodin and Marshall are all expected to pass fitness tests for Oldham who are unbeaten at home.

QPR v Chelsea

Having got off the mark the hard way, if winning at Luton can be described as such, Rangers now seek their first win at home. Wegerle, who was omitted from the game against his former club in midweek, is poised to miss another old boys' reunion, unless Gerry Francis can find a way of playing both he and Walsh. Peacock, Herrera and Witter, formerly of Crystal Palace, are the candidates to take over from Brevett and Tillson, who are injured. Chelsea should be unchanged.

Sheffield Wed v Southampton

Any other result than a home win would be a big upset. To think that one can say that when Wednesday are missing Hirst and Sheridan says much for the way they have soldiered on without them. Le Tissier, who is undergoing a crisis of confidence, according to his manager, could be left out of the Southampton side in favour of Hurlock's infinitely greater combative qualities. Hall is due to return after suspension.

West Ham v Manchester C

After three consecutive defeats, Manchester City, the early leaders, must be wondering where the rot will stop. Not necessarily at dear old West Ham, who scored a thrilling 3-2 win at Selhurst Park in midweek. Reid, whose form has been suffering recently, misses the game with a hamstring injury and is replaced by Brightwell who has recovered from the same. Hughes, who missed a penalty in injury time against Everton, keeps his place. West Ham are unchanged.

Wimbledon v Tottenham

Wimbledon will be relieved to be at home, well, at least their home from home, after two defeats in five days at the City Ground and the Dell. Phelan, outstanding for the Republic of Ireland in Hungary recently, returns not a moment too soon to replace Elkins, who has damaged an ankle. Hendon takes over from Fenwick and Walker keeps his place in the Tottenham goal despite his midweek blunder. Lineker will play if recovered from toe and back injuries.

Injured Morgan misses match

By DAVID HANDS

WORLD Cup or not, rugby life goes on elsewhere as senior clubs take advantage of the two-month league hiatus to work out effective combinations and the Rugby Football Union's two knock-out competitions spring into being.

Gloucester, continuing the celebration of 100 years of rugby at Kingsholm, meet a shadow Irish XV without the injured Morgan. A hairline fracture of the shin gives Perrins a game on the wing. Bath welcome back Redman from England squad duty for their visit to Cardiff and Northampton, likewise, take advantage of Pearce's temporary availability for the game with Leicester.

Cardiff give a debut at full back to Armstrong, the Welsh Schools cap, and Leicester are happy to draft in Tony Underwood because Evans, their wing, is injured.

Leicester also give Garforth, late of Nuneaton, a first game at tight-head prop while Nottingham field Walker, also from Nuneaton, on the wing against Neath, the Welsh league champions.

Four clubs new to the knock-out competition play in the first round of the Pilkington Cup — Manchester, who play Broughton Park, Moderns, who take on Wigton, and Stockton, who play the fourth debutants, the highly successful Towcestrians from the East Midlands.

It is a sign of the declining times that Headingley appear in the first round against Pavlors while Richmond, who have overhauled their playing structure, travel to Barnstaple.

Those perennial Cornish rivals, Redruth and Camborne, meet home counties opponents. But whereas Redruth, now standing proud in the national third division, with recruits flooding in to match their new status, travel to High Wycombe, Camborne offer traditional entertainment to Henley, who are now coached by Clive Woodward, the former Leicester and England centre.

Over 500 clubs start the road to Twickenham offered by the Provincial Insurance Cup. Morpeth look capable of an extended run, starting at Durham Civil Service, while Bicester, last season's beaten finalists, travel to Hungerford.

One of the hardest first-round games may be that between Bracknell and Milton Keynes, the latter being one of Bicester's victims last winter.

Nicholas in hunt

VENICE — Alison Nicholas, from Yorkshire, was one shot off the pace after the second round of the BMW Italian Open women's golf championship at Albarella. "The putts just refused to drop," the former British Open champion said.

Sandrine Mendiburu, aged 18, of France, hit a round of 64 to share the lead with compatriot Corinne Soules.

EQUESTRIANISM: Sophie Newman, on McRaffles, led the European young riders three-day event championships after the dressage test. The British team was second, 6.8 points behind Germany.

Nick Skelton, on Alan Paul Weerra, scored his second victory at the Lanaken show, near Maastricht, beating Otto Becker, on Optiebeurs Leandra, by 0.68sec. Becker won the Benelux Open championship on Optiebeurs Pamina.

Last weekend's European championship partnership of Carl Hester on Rubelit von Unkenruf will be missing from the Taylor Woodrow national dressage championships at Goodwood this weekend as Dr Bechtolsheimer's 16-year-old has been retired.

YACHTING: The first of Australia's two America's Cup challengers, Challenge Australia, was christened at Royal Sydney Yacht Squadron yesterday with a plastic "modesty skirt" around her underbody, keel and rudder to hide a revolutionary design.

SWIMMING: Chantal Hutchings, aged 14, has swum the English Channel, from England, in 11hr 20min.

ROWING: The international governing body has recognised Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania.

All hands from the fair sex

Alix Ramsay on women making waves in the male domain of yachting

TODAY a record number of women will be taking part in their national yachting championships at Grafham Water. In all 82 boats are entered with crews ranging from Olympic hopefuls to enthusiastic novices and, win lose or capsize, the idea is to get as many women as possible involved in sailing.

"A lot of women stop sailing when they get past the youth training stage at 15 or 16," Jenny Taylor, the event organiser, said. "We don't know why it happens. This championship gives the top women a chance to compete against one another but also gives the women who normally crew for their husbands or boyfriends an opportunity to take the helm."

Not all women give up in their teens however. A small but determined group are making a name for themselves as professional sailors on the big boats in the big races, women like the crew of Stripper, the all-women team aiming for a place in the next Admiral's Cup. Stripper is not so much a feminist statement as a way of fulfilling a dream.

The idea came from Fiona Brown, the project manager. "As a child in sailing you have one of two dreams — to win the Olympics or the Admiral's Cup. I chose the Admiral's Cup."

The dream ran aground when Brown encountered the age old chauvinism of the sailing world. To work on a big boat the feeling is you have to be big, strong and a man. Women, however competent, are eyed with suspicion.

Brown decided that iff the men would not let her skipper a boat she would get her own, find some like-minded women and the problem would be solved.

Finding qualified women sailors proved easy, after all some 28,000 women have gone through the RYA training schools. It is only at the top end of the racing scene the numbers tail off and that is due to the lack of opportunity rather than a lack of capable women.

Gradually things are changing. The Olympics now have three women's classes out of the ten medal categories and that in turn has prompted worldwide interest in women sailing, with more funding for development programmes.

Two of the Stripper crew, Jeni Mundy and Claire Warren, headed off around the world with Tracey Edwards aboard Maiden. "The atmosphere is more relaxed on a women's boat, it is not so aggressive," Warren said. Certainly the crew get on well together but while the jokes are plentiful there is no quarter given when they get down to the serious business of racing.

I was officially designated as ballast. "Just hang around and be heavy," they said. Stripper came fourth, beaten by the men of Warlord, Blush and Whizbang. Well, you just can't get the ballast these days.

CYCLING

Moreno hits back after positive test

From PETER BRYAN IN BARCELONA

JOSÉ Manuel Moreno, who won Spain's first world championship gold medal for 26 years in Stüttgart last month, was last night facing a six-month ban for using drugs.

Confirmation that Moreno had tested positive during last month's championship "revenge" meeting at Bassano del Grappa, Italy, was given to the Spanish Federation on Thursday. Last night, Moreno denied using drugs; their use represented something with which, he said, he violently disagreed.

An analysis of his sample revealed the drug, Nandrolone, a testosterone derivative. Ironically, Moreno should have ridden in the final of the one kilometre time-trial on Thursday but the event was abandoned because of a heavy dew after nine riders had finished. Officials re-started the entire event yesterday but Moreno was missing with "a stomach upset".

Glen Sword, Britain's champion at the discipline, recorded 1min 08.516sec, but he was scratched when the national coach, Doug Dailey, heard of the re-run. The rider's main purpose here is as a member of the national 4,000 metres pursuit squad.

☐ The heart of London is taken over for cycle racing for two hours tomorrow when the Westminster Grand Prix starts at 12.45pm.

YACHTING

Prentice strays but fights back

By BARRY PICKTHALL

LIGHTER winds in Torbay yesterday brought some fresh faces to the front of the fleet competing for the six-metre world championship. For much of the race, Peter Bateman, steering Bill Whitehouse-Vaux's Hong Kong entry, Thisbe, was the man to watch until a bungled spinnaker hoist at the third windward mark let Bengt Hellsten's Swedish yacht, Bear, slip through to victory.

John Prentice, whose Battlecry has won two races this week, had a less successful day after struggling badly on the initial beat. He rounded the first mark tenth after sailing out too far to the left, but fought back to finish sixth and retain second place overall.

RESULT: Race 4: 1, Bear (B Hellsten, Swe); 2, Thisbe (P Bateman, HK); 3, Notorious (C Riehl, Swe); 4, Kefo (L Smith, GB); 5, Nevola (A Bassani, Swe). Overall (without discard) 1, Fleau (B Halsoly, Swe), 16.75pts, 2, Battlecry (J Prentice (GB), 18.5; 3, Thisbe 19.

FOR THE RECORD

BADMINTON

MONTREAL: Canadian open: Men's singles: Quarter-finals: S Butler (Eng) bt P Axelsson (Swe), 8-15, 15-8, 15-7; C Thomsen (Den) bt M Kjeldsen (Den), w/o, A Antropov (USSR) bt D Galt (NZ), 15-9, 15-2; Sung Woo Park (Kor) bt H Swarer (Den), 15-8, 15-7. Women's singles: Quarter-finals: E Rybkina (USSR) bt F Smith (Eng), 7-11, 11-6, 11-8; I Serova (USSR) bt H Yachi (Japan), 8-11, 11-8, 11-4; Eun Jung Shin (Kor) bt V Chernyavskaya (USSR), 12-9, 11-3; A Miyamura (Japan) bt Bok Seung Kang (Kor), 11-8, 12-9.

BASEBALL

NATIONAL LEAGUE: San Francisco Giants 4, Cincinnati Reds 1; Los Angeles Dodgers 4, Houston Astros 3; Pittsburgh Pirates 8, St Louis Cardinals 1; Philadelphia Phillies 5, Montreal Expos 4 (10 innings); Atlanta Braves 4, San Diego Padres 2 (10 innings). Postponed: Chicago Cubs at New York Mets.

AMERICAN LEAGUE: Texas Rangers 10, California Angels 3 (and 2-5); Seattle Mariners 10, Kansas City Royals 5.

BASKETBALL

EUROPEAN CUP: First round, second leg: Pezoporikos (Cyp) 83, USK Prague 86 (Pezoporikos win 175-174 on aggregate); Vevey Basket (Switz) 98, Hapoel (Isr) 77 (agg: 182-161). Mechelen (Bel) 108, UBM Wimpassing Traiskirchen (Austria) 80 (agg: 213-158); Mechelen play Kingston in second round; Aris Salonika 110, Partizan Tirana 67 (agg: 208-146).

BOXING

STOCKPORT: British junior lightweight championship (12 rnds): John Doherty (Bradford) bt Sugar Gibiliru (Liverpool), pts.

EQUESTRIANISM

LANAKEN, Belgium: Nations Trophy: Coppelmans Prize: 1, Alan Paul Weerra (N Sheldon, GB) 0 faults, 51.98sec; 2, Optiebeurs Leandra (O Becker, Ger), 0, 52.81; 3, Meteson Giraldo (B van Paesschen, Bel), 0, 52.85; 7, Fuldo (P Murphy, GB), 0, 54.59; Benelux open championship: 1, Optiebeurs Pamina (Becker), 0, 31.01; 2, Urchin (R Tebbel, Ger), 0, 31.92; 3, Optiebeurs Prestige (F Stoutmeir, Ger), 0, 32.59; 5, Alan Paul Florida (Skelton), 4, 32.82.

TURIN: European young riders' three-day event championships: Dressage: 1, McNeilled (S Newman, GB), 46.80pts; 2, Baccadi (J Lemmiuhi, Ger), 48.4; 3, Be Carefu (J Brist, Ger), 48.60; 4, Horton Point (L Bevan, GB), 47.80; 5, Smithstown Lad (K Gilford, GB), 46.00. Other British placings: 13, Fair Dinkum (S Taylor), 52.4; equal 15, Diamond Pedlar (L Jennings), 56.20; 34, T R Mowling (C Bell), 64.20. Teams: 1, Germany, 145.20; 2, Great Britain, 152.00; 3, France, 153.20; 4, Italy, 167.00; 5, Sweden, 172.80; 6, Ireland, 184.60.

MOTOR RALLYING

PERTH: Australian Rally: First day (2km time-trial): 1, J Kankkunen (Fin), Lancia Delta, 1min 32sec; 2, A Schwarz (Ger), Toyota Celica, same time; 3, D Auriol (Fr), Lancia Delta, 1.33; 4, C Sainz (Sp), Toyota Celica, 1.34; 5, M Alen (Fin), Subaru Legacy, same time; 6, T Salonen (Fin), Mitsubishi Galant, 1.35.

FOOTBALL

SCHOOLS MATCHES: British Gas English Schools Trophy: First round: Peterborough 3, South Northants 3. Broad Shield Final: East Cornwall 1, North Avon 1.

UEFA CUP: First round, first leg: CSKA Sofia 0, Parma 0; Reykjavik 0, AC Torino 2; Real Oviedo 1, Genoa 0; Salgueiros (Por) 1, Cannes 0.

PONTINS CENTRAL LEAGUE: First division: Manchester City 0, Barnsley 2. Second division: Grimsby 2, Scunthorpe United 1; Mansfield Town 0, Stoke 3; Huddersfield 2, Wolverhampton Wanderers 2.

GREAT MILLS LEAGUE: Premier division: Chippenham Town 1, Clevedon Town 5.

GOLF

ENDICOTT, New York: Men's open tournament: Leading first-round scores (US unless stated): 64: B McCallister. 66: S Lowery, L Ten Broeck. 67: J Sluman, W Andrade, E Humenik. 68: P Jacobsen, C Stamps, J Sindelar, M Hulbert, D Shirley, B Chessman. 69: B Jaeckel, S Torrance (GB), M Smith, L Clements, R Wrenn, R Medlets.

SEATTLE: Women's tournament: Leading first-round scores (US unless stated): 65: B Burton. 68: R Jones, M Edge, L Kean, N White. 69: K Peterson, P Bradley, J Anschutz, R Walton, S Furlong, British scores: 72: K Davies. 73: T Johnson. 74: S Maynor. 77: C Pierce.

TOKYO: Men's open tournament: Leading second-round scores (Japan unless stated): 138: P Izumikawa, 70, 68. 139: A Omachi, 68, 71. 140: S Higashi, 72, 68. 141: H Kase, 70, 71; T Yoneyama, 69, 72; T Nakajima, 69, 73; R Kawaguchi, 68, 73. Other scores: 142: M O'Meara (US), 70, 72. 143: G Marsh (Aus), 71, 72; B Langer (Ger), 71, 72.

HOCKEY

BERLIN: Champions Trophy: Men: Pakistan 7, Soviet Union 2; Australia 4, Netherlands 3. Women: Netherlands 2, China 2; Germany 0, Australia 0.

SPEEDWAY

IPSWICH: 18-lap classic: 1, S Ermolenko (Wolverhampton), 24pts; 2, S Schofield (Poole), 20; 3, C Ermolenko (Wolverhampton), 17.

REAL TENNIS

MELBOURNE: Australian women's championships: Second round (Australia unless stated): P Lumley (GB) bt S Richens (GB), 6-0, 6-0; R Snell bt S Reilly (US), 6-1, 6-1; C Connwallis (GB) bt M Heppell, 6-1, 6-0; H Mursell bt J Davies, 6-0, 6-1; A Cockcroft (GB) bt L Burgess, 6-1, 6-0; F Deucher bt J Lippincott (US), 6-3, 6-5; A Gerakide (GB) bt J Williams, 6-0, 6-0. Quarter-finals: Lumley bt Snell, 6-0, 6-0; Connwallis bt Mursell, 6-5, 6-3; S Jones (GB) bt Cockcroft 6-1, 6-2; A Geraide bt Deucher, 6-0, 6-2.

SNOOKER

ANTWERP: International tournament: Second round (England unless stated): M Hallett bt S Davis, 4-3; J Parrott bt M Clark, 4-0; N Foulds bt G Wilkinson, 4-1; J White bt S James, 4-1.

STOKE: World seniors championship: First round: M MacLeod (Scot) bt J Virgo (Eng), 6-4; D Mountjoy (Wales) bt M Meaney (US), 5-2; D Taylor (Ire) bt M Ferreira (India), 5-2; C Roscoe (Wales) bt C Thorburn (Can), 5-3. Quarter-finals: C Wilson (Wales) bt D Mountjoy (Wales), 5-4; T Griffiths (Wales) bt MacLeod, 5-2; Taylor bt Roscoe, 5-2; E Charlton (Aus) bt S Francisco (SA), 5-3.

TENNIS

DAVIS CUP: World group: Semi-final: France and Yugoslavia level, 1-1 (France names first): G Forget bt S Mukaifrovic, 6-2, 6-1, 6-4 (in Pau). Play-offs: Sweden lead Philippines, 2-0 (in Manila); Italy and Denmark level, 1-1 (in Bari); Belgium lead Israel, 2-0 (in Brussels); Switzerland lead New Zealand, 1-0 (in Baden). Asia-Oceania zone: Group two final: Taiwan and Hong Kong level, 1-1 (in Taipei).

TOKYO: Women's tournament: Quarter-finals: K Maleeva (Bul) bt L Gildemeister (Peru), 6-3, 3-6, 6-1; A Frazier (US) bt D Graham (US), 7-5, 6-1; M Seles (Yug) bt M Kidowaki (Japan), 6-0, 6-0.

PARIS: Women's open tournament: Quarter-finals: M Paz (Arg) bt N Jagerman (Neth), 1-6, 7-5, 6-3; I Gorrochategui (Arg) bt S Meier (Ger), 6-3, 7-6; J Halard (Fr) bt V Martinek (Ger), 6-4, 6-2; C Martinez (Sp) bt E Zardo (Switz), 6-4, 6-2.

VOLLEYBALL

BIRMINGHAM: Royal Bank Cup: Great Britain bt Greece, 3-0; Canada bt Bulgaria, 3-0.

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Football Association makes its final offer

League is now facing a fight for its survival

By PETER BALL

THE Football League will face an uphill struggle for survival if it accepts the Football Association's final financial offer to pave the way for the proposed Premier League at its extraordinary general meeting on Monday.

The FA proved unyielding at a series of meetings this week and the negotiators on behalf of the clubs have extracted an offer of only £2 million in compensation. That is under half the £5 million the League put as the minimum to maintain its present income when the Premier League clubs leave.

The FA, however, has rejected the League figures. "It really depends whether you take figures out of accounts or pluck them out of the air," Rick Parry, the chairman of the first division clubs, said yesterday.

With the breakaway clubs agreeing that they will continue to pay their contributions to the three per cent pool levied on gates for five years – an amount of around £1 million – the League will receive a total annual subsidy of £3 million for five years, less than the £3.3 million the second, third and fourth division clubs receive as their share of the television contract.

"It's not enough," a League spokesman said. "It's half what we wanted and there is no guarantee that there will be any money at all after five years. It's a sell-out."

It was being suggested yesterday that, if the League figures are correct, the shortfall could result in lower division clubs going out of existence, with others going part-time.

The League officials were excluded from Thursday's negotiations with Chris Willcox, the FA's vice-chairman, Parry and Mark Day, the FA's accountant. When the proposals were finalised, the League's negotiating team comprised representatives of the second, third and fourth divisions.

"There was no notion of anyone being short-changed. There was a considerable degree of consensus," David Bloomfield, the FA press officer, claimed yesterday. The negotiators are expected to recommend that the clubs accept the offer on Monday on the grounds that there is no room for further negotiation.

It is, however, hard to see how the clubs can accept it and it is hard to reconcile this figure with the FA's assurance that they would ensure the clubs left behind by the Premier League "would not be financially disadvantaged".

Even some first division clubs were suggesting yesterday that they might not back the deal. "Until I know exactly how the £2 million is arrived at, it is difficult to comment," Ian Stott, the Oldham Athletic chairman, said.

"But I was very disappointed to read in Sir Bert Millichip's letter this week that the FA contribution would be made 'after taking account of the contribution made by the FA Premier League'.

"I have already voted for money to go to the League over and above what the FA do. I would be very unhappy if the FA took that money into account in fixing their contribution."

Ron Noades, the Crystal Palace chairman, said: "Any deal for the second division must be one that I can feel comfortable with if we are relegated. We, and a lot of other clubs who have to realise they aren't going to be in the first division for ever, have to make sure that the second division can maintain their present level of operating."

If the deal is not acceptable, the League will vote to retain regulation 11, which requires the breakaway clubs to give three years' notice. That would leave the League unsanctioned by the FA and, earlier this week, the chairman of the FA, Sir Bert Millichip, threatened to close down the League in the event.

However, even first division clubs may not accede to that. "It's just posturing," Noades said. "We'll carry on playing."

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Uefa adds a foreigner

MONTREUX (AFP) – All European clubs will soon be able to field five foreigners in a team, Uefa, the European football governing body, announced here yesterday. Uefa decided to extend an April agreement with the 12-member European Community (EC) to all its 35 affiliated national associations.

The move means that clubs can play three foreigners plus two others who have never played internationally for their country of origin, and who have played for five years in their adopted country. The new EC limit, one more than the present one, will be introduced from next season.

Uefa also claims it has the right to ban foreign television broadcasts of matches, an issue that it plans to discuss with the EC. The meeting also raised the issue of transfer restrictions, and will do so again with the international ruling body, Fifa.

GERRY CROWTHER



Study in determination: Jeremy Bates makes a backhand return on his way to victory in the Davis Cup tie at Didsbury yesterday

Britain make magnificent start

By ANDREW LONGMORE
TENNIS CORRESPONDENT

BRIGHT sunshine, a court of variable pace and bounce, a decimated Austrian team and a 2-0 lead by the end of the first day. Not even the eternal optimist, Tony Pickard, could have asked for more. If Jeremy Bates and Nick Brown can dredge one more victory from their doubles match today, Britain will replace Austria in the world group of the Davis Cup next year and rub shoulders with the likes of Germany and USA for the first time in four years. It all seems a little fanciful.

There should be no illusion about the task ahead, but yesterday was not a day for perspective but a day of dreams. For Mark Petchey, who cast off his doubts and gave a performance of such confidence and control in beating Thomas Muster, it was hard to remember he was making his debut in the Davis Cup. For Pickard, who had given himself three years to get British tennis back on the map, and is within a whisker of doing so in six months. For Jeremy Bates, who gave Britain an important early lead, beating Thomas Buchmayer in four sets, his sixteenth singles victory for his country.

Petchey was a relevation. Tall, quick and well balanced, he has always looked the part. But, nine times out of ten during a chequered career, which was nearly drowned in disillusion a year ago, he has not played it. Yesterday, it was as if he had been saving all his best lines for one scene.

"He did something he had probably never done on a tennis court before. He behaved in a professional way and did the job properly. That was as good a performance as you'll see in the Davis Cup and on the tour, for that matter," Pickard said. From the man whose last task at courtside was watching Stefan Edberg win the US Open, that was high praise.

Petchey never allowed Muster's formidable lust for combat nor his elevated ranking mask the simple fact that the Austrian No. 1 is a novice on grass. From the first game to the last, Petchey, aged 21, kept up a relentless rhythm of serve and volley, which gave Muster no time to settle or to summon the heavy top-spin passes that are his stock in trade on clay. His only sign of nerves came in the third set when he was serving for the match and missed two relatively straightforward volleys, but he steadied himself for the tie-break, which he won 7-5 to take a two sets to one lead. At that moment, Muster knew the game was up. "I played as well as I could, but he played unbelievable well," the Austrian said.

"This was the best performance on my career," Petchey said. "Davis Cup is not about reputations, it's about who plays better on the day and Tony just kept telling me to go out and be positive and that's what I did. It was a huge experience for me."

Just how huge, only time will tell. For the moment, Petchey has passed his first test with flying colours and, with Bates, put Britain into a near impregnable position in the tie against the No. 6 seeds and last year's semi-finalists.

Petchey's inspiration rather overshadowed a workmanlike display by Bates. Bates's extra experience on grass gave him the edge over the left-handed Buchmayer, who is ranked only 12 places below the British No. 1 at 198. "I've been playing on grass since I was 12, so it had to be important, particularly at big moments," Bates said.

Having just broken Bates to lead 4-2 in the fourth set, the Austrian served two double faults and immediately lost his service. Handed his reprieve, Bates broke again to lead 6-5 with a perfectly judged backhand cross court and resisted the Austrian's last-ditch stand to win 6-2 4-6 6-3 7-5 on his fifth match point.

☐ **PAU, France:** France took a 2-0 lead yesterday in their Davis Cup semi-final with Yugoslavia as Guy Forget routed an untested teen-ager playing because civil war prompted his team's leading players to pull out.

Forget, the world No. 6, cruised to a 6-2, 6-1, 6-4 victory over Srdjan Muskatirovic, aged 19, ranked No. 439 and yet to make his first appearance in a full-fledged event on the professional tour.

DETAILS

RESULTS (GB names first): J Bates bt T Buchmayer, 6-2, 4-6, 6-3, 7-5; M Petchey bt T Muster, 6-2, 3-6, 7-6, 6-2.
DRAW: Today: 1.45pm: J Bates and N Brown v T Muster and G Mandl. Tomorrow: 11am: Bates v Muster, M Petchey v T Buchmayer.

Northants go-ahead to Larkins

DURHAM have been given permission by Northamptonshire to discuss terms with the former England batsman, Wayne Larkins. It could lead to Larkins, who is 37, being reunited with his long-time Northamptonshire colleague, Geoff Cook, who is director of cricket with next season's championship newcomers.

Larkins still has a year of his present contract to run, but the Northamptonshire chief executive, Steve Coverdale, confirmed that the club will allow Durham to make a formal approach to the player.

"We would be very sorry to lose Wayne and we hope he will stay, but the decision is his," Coverdale said. "The club has very firm principles when it comes to releasing players, but this is a unique situation. We would not stand in his way."

Larkins made his Northants debut in 1972 and earlier this year became only the fourth batsman to score 20,000 first-class runs for the county.

Fund set up for golf supporters

A FUND has been created to assist the 1,000 European supporters travelling to Kiawah Island in South Carolina next week for Europe's defence of the Ryder Cup golf match against the United States.

With support from the team sponsors, Johnnie Walker, airlines, Delta and British Airways, and other contributors, the Ryder Cup committee is offering "limited assistance" to those supporters who purchased packages through Keith Prowse.

Supporters are booked into 20 hotels in and around the Charleston area and the committee understand that all room reservations are being held. The 200 supporters who booked a basic Ryder Cup Keith Prowse Outbound Package through ABTA-bonded travel agents are advised to contact their travel agents or ABTA to apply for reimbursements of any loss which they have, or will, sustain.

And, if appropriate, they should also contact their credit card companies without delay and apply for reimbursement in respect of services paid for but not received.

The committee also recommends that supporters contact their appointed hotels to confirm their position.

The fund comprises a sum that should substantially cover the cost of accommodation for those supporters who will not be able to seek reimbursement for any loss or double payment from either ABTA or credit card companies.

The hotels in America in which these supporters will stay have been advised of the situation, and the supporters are requested to retain full details, including copy invoices and receipts of payment that they make in relation to their accommodation.

When they return from the Cup, they should apply to the Ryder Cup Fund c/o The PGA, Apollo House, The Belfry, Sutton Coldfield, West Midlands, for an ex-gratia payment from the fund.

Selling rugby is defended

By DAVID HANDS, RUGBY CORRESPONDENT

RAY Williams yesterday offered a spirited defence of the commercial programme of the Rugby World Cup (RWC), in recent weeks the most publicised arm of a tournament which is expected to generate more than £35 million.

Williams, organiser of the tournament which opens at Twickenham on October 3, said in London: "It's crucial to the expansion of rugby as a world game that it produces finances from the jewel in its crown. There is no other income to Rugby World Cup other than from the commercial programme."

The gate money from the 32 games goes to the five host unions, who have to pay for the subsistence and internal travel of visiting teams within their jurisdiction. The commercial programme has come under close scrutiny in the last fortnight, after the collapse of the Keith Prowse Agency which was offering hospitality packages linked with the tournament.

However, Keith Rowlands, secretary of the International Rugby Football Board, rejected criticism that too many tickets had been allocated to the hospitality operation in a tournament for which there were 1,228,000 match tickets. "About 91 per cent of the tickets have been distributed to the game and only nine per cent to what you might call the commercial programme," he said. That includes a media presence of more than 1,000, for whom servicing will cost nearly £3 million.

Rowlands said that RWC had committed £400,000 towards ensuring that purchasers of hospitality packages would get their tickets, but some of that may be recovered if Wembley plc – which took over the Keith Prowse Agency this week – can sell all or some of the remaining 9,000 packages.

This weekend the RWC message relay crosses its final border when it leaves Wales for the southwest of England, having generated huge enthusiasm in its wake. The message contained in the relay ball will be read by Prince Edward at Twickenham as part of the opening ceremony which precedes the England-New Zealand match.

Thge ceremony will deliberately avoid the expense of Olympic openings so that the money saved can be used for the game. "We are not in the business of producing a spectacle memorable for a day but forgotten thereafter," Williams said.

The competing countries will be represented in a parade by former players with parties of schoolchildren kitted out in the jerseys of each country.

Jackpot finish to Black's season

From DAVID POWELL, ATHLETICS CORRESPONDENT
IN BARCELONA

ROGER Black last night went one better than he had in the Tokyo world championships three weeks earlier by winning the season-long IAAF/Mobil grand prix 400 metres title.

In the absence of the athlete who had beaten him to the gold medal in Tokyo, Antonio Pettigrew, Black scored a comfortable victory here in the stadium where the Olympics will be held next summer to win the $10,000 top prize.

Black ran his eleventh sub-45sec time of the season, which represents outstanding consistency, recording 44.97sec. Andrew Valmon, of the United States, was second in 45.39sec to take the grand prix runner-up place.

Black said: "The absence of the top Americans like Pettigrew has not made it any easier to win today and I had to struggle like in the toughest races."

Pietro Mennea's world record for the 200 metres will survive into a twelfth year after escaping Michael Johnson's grasp once again. On a balmy evening, Johnson was unfortunate to face a 0.9 metres per second headwind and ran 19.88sec; Mennea's record, set at altitude in 1979, is 19.72sec.

No one apart from Johnson these past two years has run under 20 seconds legally. Johnson, the world champion, dominates the event to the extent that this was his fourth sub-20sec performance in a fortnight.

Sally Gunnell needed to win the 400 metres hurdles to become the first British woman since Liz McColgan at 5,000 metres in 1988 to finish the season top of the grand prix standings in an individual event. This, though, looked like one race too many for Gunnell in what has been a thoroughly successful season for her.

She finished fourth in 54.37sec, more than a second slower than the British record she ran to take the world championship silver medal. Her consolation was the $8,000 she won for taking the grand prix runner-up position behind Sandra Farmer-Patrick, of the United States.

Farmer-Patrick, wearing her now familiar white tutu, has topped the grand prix fashions this year; but she is way down the order when it comes to technique. She concedes 18 inches clearance between her lead-leg hamstring and the top of each hurdle; if she had Gunnell's compact style she would surely by now have taken Marina Stepanova's world record of 52.94sec. Her best is 53.37sec.

The shape of next year's grand prix is not yet clear. After two days of discussions, the IAAF commission made no announcement yesterday on its proposed calendar for 1992.

It is understood however that Moscow and Bratislava are to lose their status in favour of either one or two Spanish venues. Barcelona and Seville are under consideration.

Because the Olympics are early in the season – four weeks earlier than the world championships were this year – there is a scramble to avoid the fag end and post-Olympic depression.

RESULTS: Men: 100m hurdles: 1, A Dees (US), 13.37sec; 2, J Pierce (US), 13.44; 3, R Nehemiah (US), 13.64; 5, D Nelson (GB), 13.71. Final grand prix standings: 1, Dees, 61pts; 2, Nehemiah, 57; 3, Pierce, 48; 7, C Jackson (GB), 26. 400m: 1, R Black (GB), 44.97sec; 2, A Valmon (US), 45.39; 3, A Pierre (US), 45.67. Final standings: 1, Black, 54pts; 2, Valmon, 48; 3, Pierre, 39. Discus: 1, L Riedel (Ger), 64.20m; 2, W Schmidt, 64.16; 3, R Ubartas (USSR), 63.96. Final standings: 1, Ubartas, 55pts; 2, Riedel, 45; 3, A Horvath (Hun), 39.
Women: 400m hurdles: 1, S Farmer-Patrick (US), 53.74sec; 2, J Vickers (US), 54.07; 3, P Barton (US), 54.20; 4, S Gunnell (GB), 54.37. Final standings: 1, Farmer-Patrick, 63pts; 2, Gunnell 51; 3, M Ponomaryova (USSR), 50. Shot: 1, Huang Zhihong (China), 20.06m; 2, N Lisovskaya (USSR), 19.88; 3, A Kumbernuss (Ger), 19.43. 5, J Oakes (GB), 18.57. Final standings: 1, Huang, 61pts; 2, Lisovskaya, 57; 3, Kumbernuss, 49; 6, Oakes, 31.

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Age holds no fears for two of football's finest

SIMON BARNES

I am happy to report that Fred Rosner and Les Fountain both appear to be coping well with the threat of teenage burn-out. Fountain has just scored his first goal of the season for Emerald United in the Luton Sunday League. He is a callow 65 and has played for United for 34 years. He scored a goal last year. "When I went up to head it, my toupee flew off," he said. Naturally, the story has been ornamented into one in which the goalie saved the wig but missed the ball, etc. Fountain is player-manager, secretary and kit-washer to United. He always gets a game.

Rosner, an opera critic among other things, is now 68 and maturing nicely. He plays for Midsport FC, recently renamed Danube FC, in the Corinthian Sunday league. He tells me that instead of taking early retirement from the game this year, he increased his commitment by joining a summer league. Barman! I don't know what Fred and Les are drinking, but I'll have a large one.

Rallying round

Here is yet another ageing footballer but, this time, my tale is a sad one. What can a footballer do when he has conquered the world in his youth? What is left for him? Poor Gerd Müller. He was one of the great forwards of all time, with 68 goals in 62 games for West Germany. He is now aged 45 and has talked publicly of suicide. He was not invited to the World Cup in Italy because it as feared he would be an embarrassment.

People believe he is an alchoholic, something he denies indignanatly: "I enjoy a glass of good white wine now and then, but I am not an alchoholic." Now, various footballing friends, among them his former captain, Franz Beckenbauer, are rallying round to help him.

Major's pearl

I hear John Major has been telling football jokes. Now, these hooligans turn up at the Pearly Gates. St Peter goes to check with a higher authority, who says let them in. So St Peter goes back and then returns, aghast, to the Higher Authority. "They've gone!" "That's all right then." "No, the Pearly Gates! They've nicked them!"

This apparently brought the house down when Major addressed the National Sporting Club on Thursday. Presumably, this is a tribute to Major's stunning comic timing rather than to that body's sycophancy. I am reminded of the time Stefan Edberg, when asked if Swedes had a sense of humour, told the world's press a series of "Norwegian jokes" – Sweden's Irish jokes. These I shall spare you, but is there a thread that links these two men? Is Major the Stefan Edberg of politics?

Half-time hitch

This column sends best congratulations to Ken Werner and Jill Dixon, who got married at half-time on the halfway line at an American college football game between Wisconsin and Western Illinois last weekend. The groom wore a white tuxedo with the word "Wisconsin" written on the back in red; the bride wore a white dress with a red bodice. Red, you will be unsurprised to learn, is the Wisconsin colour. The ring-bearer was Bucky Badger, the Wisconsin mascot, and the couple entered the field on the Bucky Wagon. The ceremony was performed by a former cheerleader, Judge Angela Bartell.

☐ *There is, as the world knows, an important shrine at Lourdes in France. This is the Cafe de la Poste. The cafe is the home of the rugby union club, Lourdais, a team that has won the French championship nine times since the 1950s. The first floor is jam-packed with rugby trophies, as you would expect. But now the cafe owner, Hubert Mounaix, is retiring. The shrine is to be turned into a McDonalds. Is nothing sacred? Are there any other sites in Lourdes that McDonalds have their eye on?*

Graceless loser

Maybe you think that gymnastics is an oasis of niceness in a vicious sporting world. Ha! You should have been at the world gymnastics championships in Indianapolis last weekend. One shock was that there was a real woman taking part – Svetlana Boguinskaya, aged 18, a Brobdingnagian 5ft 2in and a lady who actually brings a bit of grace to the tumbling show. But she was utterly graceless in defeat and publicly refused to shake the hand of the little girl that beat her – Kim Zmeskal, of the United States. She complained bitterly about the marking and then disappeared into a fragrant and huffy cloud of no comment.

Others were happy to add paraffin to the flames. The Romanians, so long a power in the sport, had a bad world championships. "What is there to say?" their coach, Octavian Belu, said. "Many countries have suffered from the judging in Indianapolis." Some people think that gymnastics is not a real sport. With all this we-wuz-robbed, ref-was-a-homer and it-was-never-a-penalty kind of talk, I think we can quite clearly see where the game stands.

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